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Synopsis

Living carefree at home is the greatest shortcut.

My House is the world's greatest Magic Power Spot,

that being the case both my house and I were summoned to another world by some guys who are aiming for it.

However, I've been living in this place for many years and my body is,

apparently, abnormally overflowing with magic.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances by those guys who summoned me, they quickly ran away.

Be that as it may, there are some ill-mannered people who covet the magic leaking out of my house.

I won't give up my house to those people! I'm going to wield my power as I please!

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Chapter 86: Power Of Underground Materials

After Dianeia left, I started tampering with my trees.

Soon after, Hesty appeared wiping the sleep from her eyes.

「Fuwa...Good morning.」

「Oh, Good morning Hesty.」

「n.....I felt, a difference, in the magic waves, so I, woke up. What are, you doing?」

Hesty's gaze was focused at my feet.

I was doing something different from usual, so I wonder if that was the cause for the magic undulations difference...well setting that aside,

「Well, I'm trying to modify my golem to be small.」

「n, why?」

「I made a shop in town right? I thought that a big one would have problems with the tight space.」

「Ahhh.....」

Yep, my shop in town is different from my home...it is much more restricted in space.

So, I thought that having my golems stomping around the place would take up too much space.

And so, I thought to miniaturize my golems.

If I do that I can guarantee that I won't run out of room.

「Ahh, so what you're making, is a golem.」

「Yep」

I was making them smaller using two methods, compression and reduction in materials.

When I compress it they become heavier and their movements become dull.

So to fix that I simply reduced the amount of wood needed to make it.

Usually I use one entire tree for a golem but for this I only used half.

And so a golem that was half as large as the others was created.

「Yeah the size problem is solved but...what about its ability.

I thought and ordered the golem to carry a stone in the garden.

For a normal sized golem it would've been easy but,

「.....it seems to be a bit weak in the horsepower department...」

The smaller golem was able to lift a rock that was about the same size as itself...but it wasn't strong enough to walk with it.

「So it's not strong enough to carry a rock. When I reduce the materials the strength weakens...」

「.....n, but, I think for a golem...it's strong enough? They usually can't, carry a rock, that size.」

「Really?」

Well, I wouldn't use them outside of the shop, so I think their strong enough.

The most they would have to carry would be a box of apples.

Plus I think they're strong enough to squeeze the apples as well.

.....but still...

I still want to pursue a bit more performance.

「If I'm going to miniaturize them I want to try and use them for other things as well.」

「Is that, so?then, why don't you, mix in, different materials?」

「Mix other materials? In the golem?」

「n, it's something, I do when, making wands. If it's not strong enough, I mix in, other things.」

「I see. As expected of a craftsman.」

I was too focused on the miniaturization and didn't consider the materials.

I think I should try some other materials.

Luckily I've got stones and magic stones from the dungeon lying around here.

I'll give those a shot.

「Umm, I guess I'll stick this in here.」

「.....!? Are you just going to, stick it in that thing!?!」

「Eh? I can't?」

I had just pushed a magic stone into the golems arm when Hesty cried out.

I wonder why. Hesty said that she does the same thing.

「Normally, you'd make it into a powder, and you wouldn't, use much. If not, it'll become difficult to control the, magic.」

「Is that so? You should've told me sooner—wait, it moves fine...」

「.....n?」

As Hesty stared, the golem that had been mixed with the magic stone picked up a rock that was bigger than itself and started running around.

I ordered it to stop and it did...the control over it was fine.

「Ohh, it can finally carry this stuff, this might be good!」

「I see.....as I, thought. My common sense, might not be worth much, here...」

Hesty's shoulders drooped as she looked at the golem deadlifting rocks.

I feel kinda sorry for her, I feel like I've done something I shouldn't have.

「Don't let it bother you. This is, strange.」

「Eh? Is there a problem?」

I asked and Hesty nodded.

「n, just by putting a magic stone in, it got way too powerful. Normally, it won't be like that. Even if you put in a, bigger stone, it's impossible.」

Well even if you say it's impossible, I'm just working with the materials on hand.

「n.....it might be because, it's a magic stone, from beneath the house. That might be, the reason it's so, strong.」

「I see. I haven't used it for anything except my onsen. My dungeon might unexpectedly provide good materials.」

Hmm, then we maybe we should take a trip underground.

If I get more then I can finish the miniaturization before tonight.

And so, Hesty and I headed towards the dungeon beneath the house.

Chapter 87: My Dungeon Expedition (Safety)

As we entered the basement of my home, we were greeted by the sight of a large cavern.

「Hmm, it's been quite a while since I came here without Sakura」

「Really?」

「Yeah, this place is big. When I'm here with Sakura I can synch and check that I'm going the right way. I'm able to go straight to my destination.」

But this time I don't really have a destination in mind.

I'm just here to gather up the magic stones that this place is made of.

「So I guess we can just go in for a bit and get what we need.」

「n, I suppose. Actually, this entrance has already turned, into high quality magic, stones.」

Hesty said and looked at the wall next to the stairs.



It had a bit of a green glow...I wonder if that proves its high quality.

「Yeah. When enough magic is, contained within it, it will begin,

to shine. So that is, proof that enough magic, has gathered.」

「Oh.」

Hesty really knows her stuff. I'm glad I brought her with me. I don't know which soil or which stones are actually any good.

「So I should just gather the things that shine?」

「n, basically, that's the rule.」

「Got it.....Uh, but the dungeon walls are all shining...I wonder where I should gather them from...」

「.....」

Indeed, my dungeon's walls were practically all shining.

This made it so we could walk without a light...that's how bright it was.

「Ahh, un.....this, even I don't know where we, should start. This was, unexpected.」

Woah, it seems like Hesty gave up.

She won't look at me and she seems to be sulking.

「Well, I've never seen, a dungeon like this. I've seen other, dungeons that other, dragon kings made, but they were never, this incredible. I've never seen a dungeon with, this much material, so I don't have anything, to compare it to.」

「Is that so?」

Going back, you said Dragon Kings could make dungeons too huh...

I thought that only Dungeon Masters could do that.

「Un. The dragon king, can employ monsters, in place of a dungeon master, and construct the dungeon. A dragon king can also depend on a spirit to, create a spirit dungeon as well.」

「Depend on a spirit...you're saying some crazy stuff.」

「Well, that's just an example. In my case, I won't use one. There are those who take it, too easy.」

Well...there was a dragon king who just left a slime on her body, so I can definitely see them leaving everything to the spirit. I don't really understand the concept though.

「Huh, I guess there are lots of different types of dungeons.」

「n, quite a few. There are, different categories. Spirit dungeons, don't have monsters. Only spirits and ghosts live there, so it's easy to remember.」

You say it's easy, but I've never seen another dungeon except for the one under my house, so I have no frame for comparison.

「Hmn, I wonder how my dungeon would be classified.」

Monsters haven't appeared...I've gotten magic stones and an onsen from it...it had an underground water source and a large open space...

「It might, not be identifiable, as of yet. Also that, onsen...I think you mean the magic source...it'd be a pretty, horrible trap for, most people you, know? ...for me, if I got some on me, I wouldn't be able to move, and might die.」

That's right, Hesty had never approached the place where the onsen welled up from.

「Well I think this dungeon, is really, high in difficulty. The materials, are really high quality...and you live above it.」

「High difficulty...why am I part of this?」

「Well, this dungeon, is under your home, and is part of your property.」

To be used as an indicator for how difficult this is...it's a strange feeling.

Well setting the difficulty aside, I don't intend on letting unknown people into my dungeon. Although, up till now there hasn't been any intruders.

「Well, for now I'll just be fine with grabbing some materials.」

「n, I guess. I think, this place should be fine.」

「Alright. I'll dig a bit~」

And so Hesty and I filled our bags with magic stones.

We gathered quite a bit. Even if I don't use them all in the golems there are other uses, so it's fine.

We brought back whatever we could carry.

Chapter 88: Power Up And Expansion

We returned from the dungeon with magic stones.

Hesty and I started putting them into the Golems.

I experimented with placing them in the arms, legs, and bodies of the golems and,

「Alright, for now it seems the small golems are ready.」

「n」

It seems like I somehow completed the small and slim golems.

Normally when I make them, they'd end up 3 meters tall, but these ones are 1 meter tall. Their physiques are also quite thin.

I'm putting their appearances off till later so they look a little uncool, but for now they're done.

「I can adjust the appearance later...but I think they're pretty good? Golem pick up the rocks.」

After hearing my order, the golem went and started picking up rocks until it found it difficult to move.

「n, the golems became, about 3/10ths, magic stone.」

「Yep, this is the best ratio.」

The wood golem's movements are pretty smooth, but once you add too many magic stones they become stiff.

「.....if I put too many in the golems got way too hard, it seemed like you'd get injured just by touching them, once they started moving it'd be dangerous.」

That's why 3/10ths is the optimum for now.

This ratio is where the flexibility of the wood and power of the stones mix well together.

It makes it so they are able to lift the garden stones while jogging.」

「——oh, stop Golem」

The golem was just about to run over...

「Kuuuu...kaaaaaa」

Ramiyuros who was lying on the ground.

She was dead asleep and drooling.



「.....why is Ramiyuros sleeping here?」

She should've been carried to Hesty's cabin last night...

「She has bad, sleeping posture. I think, she rolled all the way, out here.」

Uhh, her sleeping posture took her all the way out of the cabin...

If she sleeps here then she's just getting in the way.

「Golem, put down the stone and carry that sleeping person to the bench.」

The golem obeyed and lifted up Ramiyuros.

At that moment the ground beneath the golem's feet sunk in.

「Umm...Hesty? It looks like she's heavier than the rock...why?」

It looks like her mass is not the same as her appearance.

「She's, inexperienced with transformation.....but a golem, that can easily lift, a dragon king, is abnormal」

「Oh? But if it can lift something that heavy then it definitely passes the test in the power department.」

Even if it's smaller, it'll be able to do manual labor easily.

AS I thought that...

「...n, Ahhh, I'm spinning~~」

「Oh, you're up Ramiyuros?」

As the golem was putting her on the bench, Ramiyuros woke up and looked at me.

「It's warm here. Thanks Daichi-san~」

「No...that's fine too...but how long are you going to sleep here?」

Here magic deficiency should mostly be fixed, but shouldn't she be returning to the sky.

「Un, Hesty's house is comfy~. Also, unless my scales all recover, I won't be able to handle the atmosphere up there.」

I don't particularly mind if you make yourself at home.

However, Hesty is the one I rented the place out to, so let's ask her opinion.

「How about it Hesty?」

「For now.....I'm going to, kick her out. I'll stuff her, in Anne's house. That's should be, fine.」

「Th-that's cruel~」

「It's not. I'm giving you a, little extension. Also, if you want to talk, then sit up.」

The two dragon kings faced each other as they spoke. I wonder if they'll reach an agreement.

I wondered as the little golem returned to my side.

I looked at it and saw that it hadn't cracked, even after carrying Ramiyuros.

.....I understood at that moment how useful the magic stones were in this process.

Just inserting one raises the power.

I bet if I made an arm completely out of magic stone, it'd have quite a lot of power.

「If I equipped my wood armor with that, I think I'd be able to punch through tough bedrock...」

In that case my gardening and dungeon exploration would be easy.

Speaking of synching, I've become able to do it by myself.

.....but right now I don't have enough magic stone to make that arm.

After making the small golem, I didn't have much left.

I needed much more to make more golems and new items.

So,

「Alright, I'll go again after I eat lunch.」

And so, after I filled my stomach I went to the dungeon to stock up on materials.

Chapter 89: Steadily Taking And Steadily Advancing

Once again, I delved into the dungeon

Next to me was Hesty who'd finished her talk with Ramiyuros... but...

「I saw that Ramiyuros seemed to be hanging her head after...is she ok?」

「Yes. She's too easy, going, so going that far is, just right. She has the power, of a dragon king. She should, do some work.」

As expected of a childhood friend, she really knows her well.

「n, well, I've known her a long, time. —oh, there's some ore over there.」

「Oh thanks」

I'm quite grateful that Hesty took the time to come down here with me. She's very knowledgeable about materials so it makes this much easier.

It seems there's a lot I don't know about items and materials.

「n, this dungeon, has a lot of things, this is, kind of fun.」

It seems like Hesty's having a good time so it's alright.

I thought as we continued through the dungeon.

「Ah, that's a rare metal. If you, put it in a wand, it increases the performance..... normally there's not enough of it, but here seems to be quite a bit.」

「Hm then I'll take it. Maybe I'll give it to Dianeia as a gift.」

We picked up a purple colored metal along the way,

「This, is a magical item, material. It appears, buried underground. It's about, twice as big as the ones, I've seen before.」

「This is a present for Anne then.」

We gathered a white colored bulb of vegetation,

「This.....I wonder what it is. I've never seen it. It has, a good scent, it probably, has quite a bit of magic in it.....」

「We'll take it to look into it later.」

We grabbed strange and rare things as we proceeded.

As we continued to grab things one after another, Hesty's face started to look strangely grim.

「Huh? What's wrong Hesty? Why are you making such a face?」

「.....In my opinion, there are way too many, rare things in this, dungeon. It's abnormal. It's much too, abundant.」

「Isn't that a good thing?」

「n, I suppose.....after looking at this, dungeon I have to, try and keep my common sense from, using this dungeon as a measuring, stick for others.....」

It seems like her thoughts are going in a bit of a strange direction...but whatever.

And so we continued on, gathering rare materials until we were deep in the cave, but then

「Huh? Uhhh...where is this?」

「n~.....we're lost.」

Before we realized it we'd gone in too deep.

We didn't know the way back.

「Hmmm....we went too deep all at once.」

The scenery doesn't change much down here...I suppose that might be the reason we got lost.

「n.....but, you don't look, too worried? I think that being, lost down here, is a pretty big, crisis.」

「Well...if we really can't figure a way out, I'll make a golem, synch with it, and dig straight up.」

I said and Hesty seemed dumbfounded.

「.....I really didn't expect, such a heavy duty, escape plan.」

Well that's how it is.

I'd brought along an apple for lunch, so I should be able to manipulate it like I do back home.

「Well anyways, don't worry and let's go collect some more.」

「n, ok.....oh wait a moment.」

As Hesty was speaking she suddenly stopped.

I wonder if she found something like the onsen?

「There is a, magical response.」

She said and pointed towards a large hole.

「What's with this hole?」

It looked like something trying to expand my dungeon.

I wonder if a mole started living here?

「What should we do?」

「Well, we've still got time before it gets dark.....」

We've already gone so far, let's go in a bit further.

There's no telling if we'd ever come back this deep.

「Well, if it doesn't look like there's any materials, we can just head back.」

「n」

And so we walked further in.

Chapter 90: Bringing Rare Things Home

The hole in the wall was very large...but it wasn't deep.

The magic stones' light illuminated the interior and we very quickly reached the end.

「Is there anything here Hesty?」

「n, there's magic stones. There's still that, strange reaction, but I can't find it.」

「I see...then I'll check the other side.」

For this search I'd made a golem.

Even if the materials were buried deep, the golem was powerful enough to dig them up.

Plus, once it was time to head back we could use it as transportation, so this is two birds with one stone.

I thought and looked around the cave.

「Muuuu.....」

Suddenly Hesty groaned.

「What's wrong?」

I looked over at Hesty and,

「Kishaa!」

A weird thing jumped at Hesty.

「n, an enemy? It has a magical, reaction, so for now...I guess I'll counter attack.」

Hesty tilted her head in confusion and swung her arm at the semi-transparent creature.

「——huh, it didn't' break? This thing, is a bit, strong?」

Then, the semi-transparent thing came towards me.

Is it a monster? I don't really know what it is...but for now it's an enemy.

「Fumu, well then, Golem pin it down.」

Boom the golem slammed down on the semi-transparent enemy and,

「~~」

With a weak cry the creature stopped moving.

Using the golem's body, I held down the strange creature and Hesty ran over.

「That was, pretty strong, but you captured it, so easily. Amazing, but are you, ok?」

「Yeah I'm alright. Are you ok Hesty?」

「I'm, fine.」

「That's good. Anyways, I captured it...but what is it?」

The creature was trapped under the golem, but was wrapping around its arm.

「Kyu~~」

What we'd caught was a 50 centimeter human shaped creature.

It had some tawny horns and was strangely transparent, so it was obviously not a human.

However, it clearly wasn't a regular monster.

「Do you know anything about this Hesty?」

「.....it's probably, a spirit? It may have been, hiding inside of a, magic stone.」

Hesty murmured seeming perplexed.

I see...a spirit huh?

This was the first time I'd seen another spirit aside from Sakura.

「Well, it's rare to see a spirit powerful, enough to create a body. Your house's spirit, is the exception among exceptions.」

「I see. But why was did this guy infiltrate my house's basement?」

「I don't know. It settled in, but the ground around here, is not suitable for, normal spirits. Even if it has, created a body, it shouldn't be able to handle the, magic in this earth. The oversaturation, might have made it, aggressive.」

I don't know much about this, but I don't think it'd be a good idea to leave it alone in this case.

「Then how about we take it out with us?」

It attacked us and we had to subdue it...but maybe it was just lost and scared.

「n, alright. —by the way...how do we get out?」

「Well, I synched a bit and looked up the way out. We can set it to automatically take us out.」

Before I made the golem I made sure to check the way out of this place.

「You're, really amazing.」

「Well, this is my house after all. Plus, this place isn't that far in.」

「Eh?」

WE had walked for quite a while, but unexpectedly we weren't that far in.

「This is, not far in? Even, though we found all that precious, material?」

「Hm? Is it weird?」

「n~.....normally you'd need, to go in further, to get precious things. So...things are fine. I'm just adjusting, my common sense.」

I'm a little worried about Hesty...she said she was ok, but her eyes were vacant...is she really alright?

「——Well let's go home Hesty. We can relax on the golem.」

「n, then, I'll ride with you.」

And so we got on the golem and returned home with the spirit.

Chapter 90.5: —Side Dianeia— A New Participant In The Festival

Dusk, as the sun was setting.

Dianeia was lying on her desk completely exhausted.

「S-somehow I finished the unit arrangements.....」

From early in the morning till now, she had been staring at documents and giving orders.

Thanks to that she was exhausted, but even if another dragon fell they'd be able to quickly deploy the knights and mages.

Each unit had been furnished with defensive magics so the arrangements should be perfect.

Anne had been asked to be on the lookout for other Dragon Kings who would approach so measures for that have been put in place as well.

「Un, but I'm glad it's over.」

She said as she straightened up and looked out the window at the lively festival. She heard happy voices and bright lights.

She was truly grateful that she'd be able to spend time with him in this fun celebration.

She was looking forward to when the sun fully set when...

「Princess! Emergency!」

When she heard the Knight Captain's panicked voice she nearly fell flat on her face, but she managed to withstand the urge to hit her head against something and looked at him.

「.....Again!? What is it this time?」

「Princess, as of now the princess-sama has arrived.」

「Wh-what? Already!?」

That was too fast. She'd only received the news today and was expecting her by the next day or after that.

「She wanted to enjoy the festival so she came as fast as she could.」

「Guu.....doing these things without even telling me.....」

「She also sent a verbal message {Onee-sama I'm sorry for coming so quickly. I'm sure it'll take some time to ready the castle, and I

want to watch the festivities so I'll wait in front of the castle.} or so she says.」

Yeah, it sounded just like her.

It'd been a while since Dianeia had seen her, but those words caused her to remember.

She was an uninhibited child, but she had her manners and acknowledged Dianeia as her elder.

「Well then, first prepare the castle to receive her and call her in.

「Ha!」

And so Dianeia left her office.

Two women were standing in front of the Prussian Castle.

The young lady was wearing a pretty dress and was smiling prettily while watching the festivities.

「Haa, it's been so long, but Onee-sama's town is so lively. It's so pretty and there's so many interesting things, it's fun. How about you Karen?」

She called to the woman wearing lightweight clothing and a mantle, who nodded slowly.

「Indeed Princess Athena. It's the first time I've been to a place like this, but there seems to be a lot of delicious things, my interest has been drawn.」

「Fufu, you're a glutton as always Karen~」

They were familiarizing themselves with the sights as colorfully costumed people milled around causing the lights and music to ebb and flow.

Among everything she saw, Athena's eye was drawn to a gigantic tree that stood in front of the castle.

It was a tree that stood as tall as the castle so it really stood out.

「But still, I wonder what this huge tree is? When I came here before it wasn't here...」

「Is that so? I felt enormous magic power from it so I thought it was this town's guardian deity.」

「You also feel magic from it too Karen...」

Athena murmured while looking at the tree and the store that had been taken inside of it.

「Yes, this huge magic power doesn't seem to be a false front. But for such a huge thing to be made by human hands seems impossible, so I'd say it was made by an abnormal magic weather or cataclysm.」

「I see. As expected of Karen-sensei, you really know a lot.」

Athena said while giggling and Karen smiled back at her.

「I'm not your teacher, I'm your guard Princess Athena. Also, in matters of knowledge, I have elder sisters who are above me in such matters. Plus there are many things that exceed my imagination.」

「Ahaha, I'd like to see someone stronger than Karen. I always like to see strong people.」

「Indeed.....」

She said as Athena turned her gaze from the tree. Karen continued to gaze at it with a serious look in her eyes.

「For this much magic to be in the tree...it's definitely not natural. What kind of monster was here, to cause such a phenomenon.....」

Karen murmured while looking from the bottom of the tree to its top when,

「Sorry for making you wait.」

A elegantly armored knight exited the castle.

「Dianeia-sama's preparations are complete. Please, come with me Princess Athena-sama and Karen-sama.」

「Un, thank you Knight Captain-san! Let's go Karen.....we need to communicate the orders from the capital, let's do our best!」

「Yes, let us go.」

「According to the rumors, a strong guy has been hanging around Onee-sama, I can't wait to meet him!」

And so they entered the castle while chatting cheerfully.

Chapter 91: Evening Gathering

We returned to the house on my golem along with our harvest. We had sorted the items when Sakura trotted over.

「Master, you've returned」

「Yep, I'm home.」

Oh yeah, it's good that Sakura's here.

I had the golem present the captured spirit.

「Hey Sakura? This guy was living downstairs, do you know anything about this?」

「It's a spirit yes? No, I don't know...what happened?」

「We were exploring and it jumped out at us. So we've captured it for now.」

「Is that so? But, as expected of Master. It's very difficult to physically bind a spirit, but you did so with an arm filled with magic.」

Sakura said as she gently touched the golem's arm.

「.....huh, it's difficult to do?」

I'm glad that I used the golem then.

「Since I do not remember allowing it to live here and Master did not give it permission to live underground, then I believe it got lost here. I believe it jumped out at you because it took in too much magic power when creating its body and became magically intoxicated (drunk).」

「The spirit got drunk off of magic?」

I don't know about the ecology of a spirit, but I'm happy to be taught.

「So, what do we do with this one?」

「From what I've seen, it doesn't seem to be an enemy. But...we should at least scold it so it does not try to harm Master again.」

Sakura said then smiled sweetly and looked at the spirit.

Then, the spirit began to shiver.

In fact, it began to vigorously shake its head from side to side.

「Fumu, it may be declaring trying to declare its intentions...」

「Well, I did give it a punch earlier and it's come along with us obediently...I can at least put it down on the ground」

The golem placed it on the ground and released it.

Then,

「—Kyu—」

It bowed its head quickly then backed away rapidly.

It disappeared beneath the shadow of a tree.

「Oh...it ran away?」

「No, it is still there.」

「Huh?」

Now that I look again...it was concealing itself with the tree and looking over here.

What is it doing?

「Well, it's not a bad creature is it?」

「It doesn't seem to be an enemy. It looks to be a peaceful type of spirit.」

「Then let's just leave it. It's almost time to go to town after all.」

「Ah! That's right!」

The sun was pretty much set, so I thought it'd be a good time to head to town.

「I'll get prepared to go at once...in fact I was just in the middle of doing so.」

Sakura said and turned showing off several boxes of apples that were ready to go.

They were the ones we'd use for the shop.

「Oh, you prepared beforehand? Thank you Sakura, that's a big help.」

「No no, it is a blessing to be useful to Master. Furthermore, I've been looking forward to going out with Master...looking forward to it so much that I ended up preparing so early.」

Sakura said and smiled bashfully.

「Hmm, then let's bring a bit more out to take to the store.」

「Ok」

All that was left to make the rest of the golems that would carry the boxes, then as I touched a tree...Hesty walked out from the trees carrying a box.

It was a box filled with magic stones.

「I chose, and brought, some magic stones. These are, the hardest magic, stones with the most, magic in them. They're hard, to process, but if it's you, then you can do it.」

「Oh, thank you.」

With this I can make smaller sized golems and an external golem arm attachment.

It might be possible to finish them before we leave.

「.....oh, I forgot. Hesty-chan, are you coming with us to the festival?」

「n.....can I come?」

Hesty asked with head tilted questioningly.

I was wondering why she even needed to ask when,

「I don't want to, barge in on your, alone time.」

She said with a serious look on her face.

This Dragon King really pays attention to the needs of others.

Sakura and I unintentionally looked at each other. Then,

「No no, I like Hesty too, it's fine with me you know?」

「Yeah. Just as Master said, you don't need to hold back. You can come too ok? For me.....I feel slightly disappointed that it won't be just me and him, but even more so I want to see Master having fun with everyone...that would bring me great happiness.」

Sakura and I said, and Hesty seemed a bit troubled...

「n.....then, I want to, go as well.」

「Ok, got it! Then before we go help carry some apples.」

「n, ok.」

And so, we prepared ourselves to leave for the festival.

Chapter 92: Way To Get To Town

I had taken about 3 floors worth of apples out and it turned out to be more than I'd imagined.

「Fuu~, 20 boxes huh...quite a lot.」

「Well it's about half of our stock after all.」

The amount that the golems had been harvesting had decreased, but be that as it may, if time passed it'd still pile up.

After replacing the trees that I'd used, using other types of materials, and eating them...I hadn't used too many, so it can't be helped that the amount hadn't decreased by much.

「Well, all that's left is to make some golems to carry them.」

To carry everything we needed into town we needed to have 20 or so large golems.

.....the sight of a group of golems marching along might be overly showy, but I think it'll be fine.

So I thought when...

「Umm, Daichi-san. Do you have a moment?」

Ramiyuros walked outside while rubbing the sleep from her eyes.

「What's up?」

「Well...umm...I'd like to go to the festival with everyone...is that...ok?」

「Go to town...I don't really mind, but is your body alright to do so?」

It was just yesterday that she'd fallen, she should be pretty damaged.

Her scales hadn't even had time to regrow.

Ramiyuros responded by hitting her chest with her hand,

「I've slept a lot on this land full of magic and stayed near Daichi-san who's filled with magic, so I've already recovered a bit...it's fine!」

「That's some amazing recovery power...」

「It's thanks to Daichi-san and everyone...and since I'm being a bother, I wanted to hurry and get better.」

Ramiyuros said with a wry smile and scratched at her cheek.

「Since I've recovered to this point, I can help Daichi-san and the humans. {Transform!}」

Ramiyuros shouted and was engulfed in smoke. When it cleared she had changed into a tawny scaled dragon.

However, she wasn't the humongous size she was yesterday, she was 80 meters large. Even so, she was still big.

「Look, in this form I can carry your things, ok? I can also carry Daichi-san to leap and soar for a while.」

「Oh」

I was thinking of taking my time and letting the golems take the luggage and us, but riding her would be faster and easier. However,

「If the dragon that fell into town yesterday, jumped into town again today...it might not be great...just take us near the town.」

It'd be bothersome to cause a ruckus.

I thought when Hesty patted Ramiyuros's body and said,

「...just in case, I will put my magic, coating on you. If we use this, they won't see you, as a threat.」

「Oh, thank you Hesty.」

Let's make use of anything that we can.

「Oh, that's right. I need to put the coating on myself as well....hm」

It'd been a while but I remembered how.

I put it on and it felt like wearing armor made of air again, but it suppressed the overflowing magic from my body.

「Or so it should...can you tell Hesty?」

「n, it's very good. It's suppressing it, much better, than last time. Did you, practice?」

「Yep, I practiced a bit when I had time.」

I'm glad that I got Hesty's seal of approval.

「With this, my prep is finished.」

「Well then, get on my back with the luggage.」

And so we carried the boxes onto Ramiyuros's back when,

「Hyaa!」

Ramiyuros suddenly shook.

「Huh, what's wrong?」

「Ah, umm, sorry. That's where a new scale is growing, so it's sensitive and my voice came out.」

When I looked again I could see that the scale was colored differently.

「Oh, sorry. I'll put it down slowly.」

「Un, I'll be in your care.」

And so we continued to carry things onto her.

「I'll be setting off, so find a place to cling onto. Just in case, things can be moved and fixed onto my scales with magic.」

Ramiyuros said then flapped her wings and began to hover.

Her scales were hard yet flexible and they fixed us and our luggage firmly to her.

All that's left was to relax and wait while we flew to the city.

「I'm looking forward to the festival Master.」

「Me too.」

This would be the first time I'd seen the streets lively like this.

I'm looking forward to that a bit.

「Well then let's go」

「Yeah Ramiyuros, I'm counting on you」

「Roger!」

And so two dragon kings, a spirit, and I headed to the city of Prussia at night.

Chapter 93: Town's Reaction And Dragon's Reaction

The Knight Captain was standing near the Observation Squad on the highest terrace in the castle.

「Is there anything abnormal?」

He asked and one of the squad members responded.

「There are no problems Knight Captain.」

「That's right. With such harsh defenses there aren't any people who'd cause trouble.」

「If that's so then good but.....」

On the table there was a bottle of alcohol.

It was unopened of course, he couldn't be drinking on the job.

He properly trained himself to have an on and off switch when he was on the job or in his free time but,

「Even though there's a festival now, it's only the first day, we can't let our guard's down.」

「Osu!」 (Roger!)

But then as the soldiers on the roof responded,

「!? Fr-from the west huge magical power is approaching! There are.....three of them!」

「Wh-What!?!」

A member of the scouts ran over filled with panic.

The soldiers who had been relaxing suddenly sat straight up and began to look around cautiously.

But,

「Ah, everyone, it's alright. Please calm yourselves.」

A kind voice said from the entrance of the room. The Knight Captain looked at the door and saw Anne standing there.

「A-Anne-dono? I thought you were looking out on the other side of town?」

「Yes. But after feeling such large magic power I came here..... this magic power is definitely Aneue-sama. Un, and Daichi-sama is with her.」

Anne said while standing on the terrace and staring off into the distance.

When the soldiers heard the name Daichi, they started feeling tense in a different way.

It was a tension mixed with relief and maybe a bit of faith.

「Y-yeah, it's the hero who protects the town?.....then that's good.」

「For real, I thought my heart was gonna explode hahaha...」

They said with wry smiles.

「That being the case, you don't need to do anything.」

「That's right.....that was a good drill. How to deal with a stressful situation, I'll have to give Daichi-dono my thanks.」

The Scout Squad all looked at each other with strange looks on their faces. Then as the Knight Captain nodded to himself, they got back to work.

「Well then, I need to tell Dianeia that Daichi-dono has arrived. Someone send a messenger.」

Then as the Knight Captain was in the process of getting a messenger,

「.....umm Anee-dono? What are you doing?」

Anne was standing on the edge of the terrace.

「Ahh, don't worry about it. Recently I've been suffering from Aneue-sama deficiency and I was thinking of heading over for a bit. I'd be grateful if you tell Dianeia. I'll be back soon.」

「Eh.....? A-Alrig...ht?」

「Well then, see you later!」

And then in front of the panicking Knight Captain, Anne powerfully leapt from the floor of the castle.

Ramiyuros's speed was pretty fast, it only took a few minutes before we reached Prussia.

「Well, let's get off here.」

We were near the gate into Prussia.

If we got off here and went on foot, there shouldn't be any problems.

Or so I thought...

「Master, there's someone flying towards us from the front.」

「Eh?」

I looked where Sakura was pointing and...

「A~NE~U~E~SAMAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!」



Anne was flying towards us with amazing speed and power.

Upon seeing that, Hesty quickly raised her hand.

「.....I wonder, if I can use magic to, counter attack. If I counter, then she'll fall though...」

「Don't. Ooii Anne! Get down here, then we can talk!」

「OOOOOOooooookkaaaaayyyyy!」

She looked a bit strange but she came down easily.

However, in the process she grabbed hold of Hesty.

「Welcome Aneue-sama. Daichi-sama as well! Thank you for bringing Aneue-sama!」

Anne lowered her head while holding Hesty.

「I didn't really bring her for you...but you noticed even though we put the coating on.」

「It's Aneue-sama's magic after all! I've been hit by it before, how could I not know it!」

「She's, really, scary.....」

Hesty feebly mumbled.

How should I say this...my condolences.

「Well, anyways Daichi-sama's magic power is not something you can surpass even if you try. I could tell simply from the amount of power.」

「I put the coating on though?」

It doesn't really feel like anything, but I do have it on.

「Yes, you do have it on. It's just that when you approach, the power of an average Dragon King is leaking out.」

「I see...」

I'd gotten Hesty's stamp of approval, but it looks like I've still got some ways to go.

「Anyways, let's talk as we walk into town. There's still some distance to the town and our store.」

「Ah, s-sorry. That's right.」

And so we began to walk and talk.

Chapter 94: Gathering Of Dragon Kings And Gathering Of People

As we started walking, Anne's gaze focused on Ramiyuros who was carrying all my boxes of apples.

「By the way, who is the one who turned into a dragon? They have quite a lot of magic...」

Oh, that's right. Anne doesn't know about Ramiyuros.

I thought as Hesty responded in my stead.

「This is, the Sky Dragon King. Ramiyuros.」

「Oh is it really!? Nice to meet you, I am the Earth Dragon King and my name is Anne.」

Anne bowed politely...but Ramiyuros smiled bitterly.

「Nice to meet you...huh? Don't you remember I took care of you along with Hesty when you were young?」

「R-Really!?!」

It seems like a lot happened to this trio in the past.

It looks like these two have experience raising kids huh...

Setting aside Ramiyuros, Hesty seems like the caring type.

「Fumu fumu, I'd like to hear more about that but.....」

Anne said while looking ashamed.

「That's right, I need to report to Dianeia about any new Dragon Kings arriving in the area.」

「Oh, so that's your duty? Sounds like a job and a half.」

「No no, Dianeia has helped me with various things. Well then Daichi-sama, would you mind if I borrowed Ramiyuros-sama for a while? I'd like to take her to report if that'd be alright?」

I don't know why she's asking me...but I don't really mind.

I looked at Ramiyuros and she looked a bit troubled.

「What's wrong Ramiyuros?」

「Un, well if I went ahead, then I wouldn't be able to carry the luggage. I was wondering if it'd cause you trouble Daichi-san.」

「Oh, so that's what it was. I can have the golems carry it so don't

worry.」

She'd helped us get here easily so I can just make some golems to finish off the trip.

I should make their bodies. They'd be the normal large sized golems, so I think they should be able to carry the twenty boxes pretty easily.

「As always, you're quick to come up with a new plan. This isn't even your magic power spot.....」

「Well, I'm used to it. ——Ok, I'll do some simple molding, and everything should be fine.」

I mounted the golem's shoulder...now all that'd be left would be to carry the boxes.

「We'll be alright here, so don't worry and go ahead.」

「O-okay.」

「Then excuse us for going ahead. We will see you in a while.」

Anne said and took off with Ramiyuros towards the castle.

「.....well then, let's get going to the store.」

We set off in their footsteps as we continued on to the city.

We continued into town with the golems carrying our luggage.

My store was right near the castle so I wanted to look at the town as we traveled there. That was how it should've been but,

「Somehow...the streets look pretty empty...is it my imagination?」

There were plenty of people when we entered town, but it seemed like the area in front of my golems was pretty barren.

Actually it seemed like my golems were the center of attention.

I didn't think that wooden golems would be that rare of a sight...I wonder what's going on.

「Umm, I'll tell you. Golems, this large, are usually, impossible.」

「Really?」

「n, war golems, are a little smaller than, these. Normally, they can't move well, if they're this big.」

I've never seen war golems so I can't compare...but I understand.

I finally get it.

「Wow! Amazing! Are they from the circus?」

「Amazing!! I wonder how many people are inside of them?」

I heard cheers from around me.

I looked at the ends of the street and saw people looking at the golems with eyes that glittered like those of children.

「Well, it's rare that they have things that are so interesting come to town.」

「Oh, I kinda understand how they feel.」

「Also, well, your body lets off so much magic power, that the people who can feel it, avoid you.」

Hesty pointed and I saw some people dressed in swords and armor. They were adventurers that seemed disciplined, they moved smoothly and naturally. They seemed to be knights from another city.

They walked down the road and when they saw me, they tried to keep as much distance as they could.

「The people, who avoid you are strong, and the ones who don't are normal people, confident people, or idiots. But still...this town has quite a lot of strong, people. They are properly, keeping their distance.」

「Well.....there's a lot I'd like to say, but this does make it easier to get to the shop so I'll leave it as it is for now.」

And so we continued to travel towards the store on the golems.

Chapter 94.5: —Side Dianeia— Critical Situation X2

Dianeia was in her office making preparations for her teleportation.

「After I talk to the Princess I'll return there. I need to set it.....」

Since it's that Princess she'll go around wherever she wants during the festival, she could be left to her own devices. With that in mind Dianeia set her teleportation to Daichi's shop.

And as she finished that...

「Princess. I have brought the First Princess.」

The Knight Captain said as he opened the door. Then,

「Onee-sama~ Good evening~~」

The Princess brushed past the Knight Captain and jumped into the office.

Her pretty dress swayed as she latched onto Dianeia.

「Yes, good evening Athena. However, you should keep your manners in mind when entering a room. Manners are important

for a Princess.」

「Ah, ok! I'll remember next time.」

Athena nodded obediently.

「Then ok. Have you been well?」

「Yep! I've been really well! I sped up my schedule so I could come to the festival and see the strong people~」

Athena said as she puffed up her chest with pride.

As Dianeia patted her head,

「That's improper, Princess Athena.」

Another woman stepped into the room.

She was a slim and proper woman.



「Umm, you are?」

「Ahh, please excuse me Princess Dianeia (TN:she's using oujo for Athena and hime for Dianeia...it's hard to get this nuance) I am called Karen. Princess Athena was the one who found me.」

She said and bowed politely.

Dianeia could feel strong power from her body.

So this woman was the 'private army' Athena had talked about.

Dianeia thought she was indeed strong.

「Yes, best regards, Karen.」

Dianeia lightly responded.

「Y'know Onee-sama, Karen is amazing! She's my combat teacher too!」

「Oh, is that so?」

「No no, I'm just teaching her the basics of the basics.」

Fufu, Karen lightly laughed. You could feel her composure from that simple laugh.

The Princess's guard huh...she must be quite strong or she would've never been acknowledged by the king...

.....she must be a strong warrior.

I wonder where she picked her up from.

Dianeia was about to ask Karen when someone spoke up.

「I'm sorry to interrupt you while you're talking Dianeia-sama. Do you have a moment? There is a new Dragon King that's

come...」

Anne said as she walked into the room with a full-figured woman...

「.....Dragon King?」

At that instant, Karen's atmosphere completely changed.

Magic power exploded out from her body causing the very air around her to shake.

It was enough to cause fear for your life.

「You are.....the Sky Dragon King Ramiyuros and Earth Dragon King Anne huh?」

With one glance Karen had seen through them.

But that didn't cause Anne or Ramiyuros any surprise.

「And you are the Dragon King of Power, Karen...」

「Yes indeed. Are you coming or leaving?」

And so Anne and Ramiyuros released their magic power as well.

The enormous magic power clashed and caused the atmosphere within the room to warp.

「A, Ahh.....」

The Knight Captain had backed away from the main source of the power, unable to approach, and the soldiers outside the room were already unable to move.

But, Dianeia was different.

.....this isn't good.....Athena...at least Athena.....

Among the people who had been rendered immobile, Dianeia alone stepped forward.

Feeling such a crisis, she took action to ensure Athena's safety.

「Hya, Onee-sama.....?」

「《Teleport》...!」

Anywhere would be fine. For now she needed to get her away from here.

With that thought, she teleported without thinking of the

consequences.

.....with this, at least Athena would be safe.

Even if this room was destroyed instantly, she would be safe.

Dianeia thought as she once again looked at the situation in the room.

Ramiyuros, Anne, and Karen all approached each other and...

—Slap!—

With a loud sound clasped their hands in a handshake.

「It's been a while Ramiyuros! You doing alright!？」

「Yep I've been well Karen~」

「.....eh?」

From there they began shaking their clasped hands.

From their appearance, they seemed to get along well.

「And you too Anne! I'm happy to see you doing so well!」

「Yes, thank you very much Karen ane-sama.」

「.....what's going on?」

Dianeia was unable to understand what had just occurred.

The situation had been touch and go just a few seconds ago...
what had happened?

She looked on in mute amazement as Anne bowed her head apologetically.

「I'm sorry. Karen ane-sama insists that when we of the same race greet each other, it be through clashing our magic power. She's a bit of a muscle-head.....」

「.....I see...」

Dianeia realized she'd misunderstood what was going on.

She was so embarrassed...her cheeks turned red.

「I'm really sorry. I was about to tell you...but you moved very well.」

「Eh? Moved well?」

「Well, when Karen ane-sama emits her magic most people end up like that.」

Anne said and indicated the soldiers outside the room who couldn't stand.

「W-well I suppose. Compared to Daichi-dono, this much is fine.」

She'd seen more powerful magic many times, and had experienced it well.

.....thanks to that, she'd developed some resistance.

She would no longer leak with only a dragon king's power.

She couldn't be any more thankful to Daichi.

「Hey, Karen ane-sama apologize as well. The room is all cracked.」

「Umm...uhh...I'm sorry. I caused such a misunderstanding. I'll reimburse you so please forgive me.」

Karen politely bowed her head.

Now she seemed like a well-mannered Dragon King.

「W-well, it's alright even without the reimbursement.」

「I am thankful.....by the way, where is Princess Athena? I took my eyes off of her during the greeting, and somehow, she disappeared.」

「Ah...」

Dianeia just remembered.

She had teleported Athena.

Then she remembered where she'd set the teleportation.

「I-I sent her to Daichi-dono's p-place...without permission...?」

The thought sent shivers down her spine and caused her to break out in a cold sweat.

「I-I may have really done it this time.....」

Chapter 95: A Sight I Haven't Seen In Quite Some Time

After I'd made the giant tree above the shop smaller so that it wouldn't be a hindrance, I started cleaning up the shop.

Since I'd forcefully cultivated that giant apple tree, the store was a bit warped.

After fixing that, the interior was a bit ruined, so I had a bit to fix.

「At this rate it looks like we'll only be able to open up tomorrow.」

「I suppose so. But I had been wanting to give this place a good cleaning, so this is the perfect opportunity.」

Sakura said with a smile as she continued to pile up the boxes of apples.

「Upsy daisy...well for now I'll leave them like this.」

「Ok, thank you.」

After carrying a few more boxes in from the outside, all I'd have to do was get the mini-golems to begin the operation and we'd be set.

As I was thinking that things were going to plan, Sakura suddenly looked at an empty space.

「Ah, there's a magic response. Something is arriving in the middle of the room Master.」

「Hm? What is it?」

「Ummm, the type of magical reaction indicates that it is from teleportation magic.」

「Huh, so you can tell that kind of stuff...if it's teleporting then maybe it's Dianeia?」

「I wonder. I don't know for sure.」

She had told us that she'd guide us around town tonight...I wonder if she came for that?

I thought and looked at the center of the room. Then,

「Th-this is.....?」

「H-Hm?」

Against my expectations, what appeared was a small girl in a

pretty dress.

Athena remembered her elder sister teleporting her.

.....for her to be able to move to save her amidst the powerful magical maelstrom...she felt her sister was amazing.

As she thought that she looked around at where she'd been teleported to.

It was a spacious wooden room.

There were two people looking at her.

.....maybe she'd accidentally entered some unknown person's home.

She thought and was about to open her mouth when,

「Wh.....at.....?」

She could barely move her lips.

That wasn't all, her body wouldn't stop shaking.

After realizing the condition of her body she suddenly had a flash of understanding.

.....wh-what is with this p-person's magic power??

The magic that was overflowing from the woman's body as he looked at her, completely overwhelmed and crushed her own.

Furthermore, the man next to her was even more powerful. A monstrously powerful magic gushed from his body causing her body to freeze.

.....I-I'm going to die.....

That thought exploded through Athena's mind as she frantically began casting.

It was an emergency escape magic that her elder sister had taught her long ago.

「E-emergen-Emergency Telepo—.....」

But her teeth wouldn't stop chattering and her tongue was twisted.

She couldn't speak out and use the magic.

At that moment,

「Oi, what's wrong?」

「Hi.....ah...」

She was scared out of her immobility when he called out.

At any rate she couldn't stay here a second longer.

She needed to leave, now. She looked around and spotted the door to the room behind her and began to move towards it.

——at that moment the door opened.

「n, I've brought more, boxes. I'll leave them,——huh? Who's this girl?」

A white haired girl bumped into Athena as she was carrying a box inside, but the feeling didn't stop at a simple bump, Athena could feel explosively powerful magic inside of the other girl.

「!!?」

Athena leapt backward and almost fell. But,

「Oioi, you're staggering around...are you alright?」

The man with the monstrous magic power gently reached out and supported her with his hand.

「.....」

This was Athena's limit.

She collapsed to the ground on her butt.

「Ah」

「Fueee.....」(crying sound)

And just like that, she spectacularly wet herself.



Chapter 96: Custody Of A Person

My store's intruder had panicked at first, but seemed calm now and was sitting on a chair.

She had changed from her wet clothes as well.

「Umm, thank you for the change of underwear.....」

「It's good that Hesty's fit you. If you want to thank someone, thank her.」

「Don't worry. I know, you had coating, but I forgot to tell you, not to touch people.」

Hesty said as she carried boxes of apples inside.

「Umm, and I'm sorry for dirtying the store. Umm.....Daichi onii-san.」

Seems like I've naturally become an onii-san.

It's a bit embarrassing, but age-wise it fits so it can't be helped. Well, setting that aside,

「It's alright. I just had to manipulate the floorboards a bit to clean it. ——Uh, Athena right? You came here from Dianeia's place right?」

「Y-yes. That's right.」

I already had a tentative grip on the situation.

Apparently there was some sort of a fight at the castle and she was sent here. In that case, they'll be here soon enough.

I'm next to the castle after all.

I'm not especially busy so I suppose I can look after her for a little while.

I can't go kicking people out into the cold of the night now can I?

.....though I do have a problem with people randomly teleporting into my place.

Furthermore, it was sudden for Athena as well, she's still jumpy.

「Hey Athena.」

「Hya Yeas! W-what is it!?!」

This happens whenever I call out to her. She freezes up.

「Haa, you know, you don't have to be so wound up ok?」

「Y-yes ok!」

This isn't working. She's completely wooden.

If she continues with this level of mental stress there's a definite possibility for another leak.

Her replacement underwear would become useless and the floor would be dirty again.

.....It'd be good if there was something that could reduce her nervousness.

As I thought on that problem...

「.....gulp」

I heard a gulping sound from Athena.

I was wondering what was up when I saw she was looking at the golem making juice behind the counter.

「Umm, Athena...are you thirsty?」

「Eh? Ah, umm.....I am...a little bit.」

That was reasonable given both how much she leaked and how much nervous sweat she had produced.

She was probably suffering from a lack of fluids.

「Golem.」

It was a small sized golem I'd made using the materials I'd brought.

Then,

「Bring the test product.」

I said and the golem moved briskly behind the counter.

「Eh.....you can use such a complex golem without using a wand or staff?」

「Use...I only use them because it's convenient.」

It's not like it has any particular will, consciousness, or instructions.

「It can move that well without any will or consciousness..... that's amazing.」

As she watched the golem, Athena became slightly less nervous.

I noticed it when I got into town...but golems might be popular with kids.

I should ask Dianeia, I thought as the mini golem came back.

It was carrying two steaming cups on a tray.

I picked them up and handed one to Athena.

「Here, drink it. It should give you a bit more pep.」

「Ah.....it's warm desu. But what is it.....?」

「Hot apple cider(juice)」

The golems with magic stones in them could heat those stones as they squeezed the juice creating this drink.

Then you need to dilute it with water so people can drink it... that's the trial product.

「Yep, the apples have been watered down quite a bit, but it should taste fine.」

From a single sip it tasted just like normal apple juice. It'd be good if we lightly seasoned it as well.

I think we could sell this.

As she watched me drink it normally, Athena tentatively tasted the juice. Then,

「Delicious.....」

Then she lightly breathed in and out through her mouth.

It seems like she needed to cool off a bit.

「Well, Dianeia will be here soon, so just relax here. When they get here I'll take you out to meet them.」

「O-ok. Thank you.....!」

And so I continued readying the shop as I looked after Dianeia's acquaintance.

Chapter 96.5: —Side Dianeia— Unlimited Power

A short while after Princess Athena had been teleported.

Dianeia finished explaining the teleportation to Karen.

She was trying to calm Karen, who was frowning, by telling her that she'd sent Athena to an acquaintance's house so it's alright, but...

「Fumu, then this teleportation hasn't put Princess Athena in danger?」

「Y-yeah. I trust Daichi-dono, furthermore he's the strongest person I've ever met. Plus, this town is friendly with him so I don't think anything bad will happen.」

He may be a bit angry because of the sudden teleportation.

That's why Dianeia was preparing an apology for Daichi and preparing the knights to help him to appease any anger he might have...just in case.

.....plus she had asked Anne and Ramiyuros to go ahead to help mediate.

After that, there wouldn't be time for them to report back so she

wouldn't know the situation.

If he was truly angry, then she was prepared to apologize with a dogeza.

.....after all, the fault lay completely with their side this time.....

She'd feel grateful if only an apology was needed. But she kept the dogeza in mind just in case as she prepared. At that moment,

「Mu.....?」

Karen's head snapped to the side and looked out the empty window.

「Wh-what is it Karen-dono?」

「Just now I felt a colossal magic power. I felt it from a building in town....what was that.....it's an impossible amount of magic power....!？」

「O-ohhh.....I see.」

Karen's body was shaking.

For a Dragon King to have such a reaction, there was only one person qualified for such a reaction.

Actually, it was the person they were about to go meet.

「Karen-dono, the owner of that magic power is my acquaintance...actually he's my benefactor. Please don't worry about it.」

「Even if you say so.....」

Karen's eyes suddenly changed in the middle of that sentence.

They suddenly became cold and sharp.

The magic power flowing from her body suddenly changed.

「Karen-dono?」

「.....just now the magic defenses on Princess Athena's dress have been released. Were they forcefully erased? They shouldn't deactivate unless she takes her clothes off.....」

Karen said with a serious look on her face as she nervously observed the town.

「Does Prussia have any highway robbery?」

「W-well almost none. This city prides itself on good public

order.」

「Even though that may be so, the dress's magical defenses were cancelled.....Did something happen to her body?」

Karen nodded and looked even more seriously out at the town.

Then after a few seconds she focused on a singular location.

The lower part of the window...where Daichi's shop was...

「So the location of the Princess's reaction and the colossal magic power are there huh?.....For it to be so close...just wait for me Princess Athena...!」

Karen yelled out in agitation and jumped onto the windowsill.

「U-ummm Karen-dono?」

Dianeia said as she approached to pull her back...

「I'm sorry Princess Dianeia. I'll be going first. If I'm destroyed by the huge magic power, I'll leave the aftermath to you.....
UOOOOOOOOOOO!!」

「W-wait please! K-Karen-dono!?!」

Without even hesitating, Karen cried out as she leapt from the window.

Then with incredible speed she crashed to the ground and charged towards Daichi's store.

「.....T-this is really bad!」

A chill went down Dianeia's back.

There was no time to prepare.

Dianeia immediately chased after her towards Daichi's shop.

Chapter 97: The Many People Who Come Across You

「Kn-Knight Captain! I-I'm prepared to stop them with my life on the line! I-I'll leave the aftermath to you!」

Leaving that sentence behind, Dianeia teleported from the castle to the area near Daichi's store.

But she didn't see Karen there. However, she did feel a lot of magic power coming from inside the shop.

Daichi's store was surrounded by a giant tree filled with magic power so it had quite a bit of sound-proofing and defensive power. So, when you looked from the outside you wouldn't be able to hear there was anything wrong except for a small commotion.

「This is bad!」

She could feel both Daichi and Karen's presence inside of the store.

The worst case scenario would be a clash between Karen and Daichi.

She could already predict who'd win, but she hoped Karen wouldn't challenge him...

...however she knew that Karen was attached to Athena.

So, if Athena acknowledged Daichi as an enemy...a fight might break out.

.....even if a fight didn't break out, her greeting was to hit each other with magic power.

To Daichi that might appear to be a hostile act.

This situation was really bad.

The town might be destroyed.

Daichi was considerate of people who were amiable...but he was merciless to his enemies.

She knew that best of all.

.....How could she...stop them?

Would she be able to mediate?

If she were to get between a Dragon King and Daichi while they were fighting, all that'd be left for her was to wait for death.

Though she had met and interacted with many Dragon Kings by

now, those women were originally incomparably stronger than humans. Even though Dianeia was training herself so she wouldn't lose out to them, right now she was still too weak.

「Still.....I can't just stand by the sidelines and watch as a full on war starts.」

And above all, while a Dragon King's anger was scary...she was much more frightened of Daichi's anger.

She wanted to run away right now, but she was reaping what she'd sown. She couldn't just abandon everything like this.

「Let's go.....」

She forced her shaking legs forward as she put her hand on the door to the store.

「Sorry Daichi-dono! I'm coming in!」

Then she looked in and saw——

「Thank you very much for taking care of our Princess. Furthermore, I'd like to thank you for the wonderful refreshments.」

「Don't mind it. I couldn't just leave her like that.」

「No, even so, thank you very much. I'm thankful for happening across such a strong person like yourself.」

Karen was politely conversing and bowing to Daichi.

「Daichi-oniisan, this juice is good. Can I have another?」

「Drink as much as you let out.」

「Uuu, you're teasing me Daichi-oniisan.....」

「Haha sorry sorry.」

Furthermore, Daichi and Athena were strangely friendly and intimate.

「——Eh?」

Dianeia looked on in blank astonishment.

「Oh! You're finally here Dianeia?」

A few minutes after Athena was teleported here, Dianeia finally arrived.

「Th-this...what happened?」

「What happened? You sent Athena here and her guardian came... so I'm handing her over...that's all.」

The woman named Karen, had politely knocked on the door and called out.

I was surprised that a person I didn't know was knocking on my front door. However, she was very polite and didn't seem like a bad sort.

She was Athena's friend and protector, plus Hesty knew her, so I invited her inside.

「Really, thank you very much. If Daichi wasn't here I would've despaired.....」

I just went with the flow when I decided to care for Athena. I've been thanked so much that I feel a bit embarrassed.

Well anyways, I'm glad I could hand the girl over to her guardian.

「I heard that the teleportation was an emergency. I suppose it couldn't be helped, but try not to be so rash next time ok?」

I had heard from them that Dianeia had teleported Athena when she thought a fight was breaking out.

I understand it couldn't be helped because it was an emergency, but I'd like to be told beforehand if you set my store as a teleportation point.

So I lightly admonished the woman who stood frozen at the front door but,

「N? Oi, are you listening?」

「Ah.....」

Her face looked as if she had lost her spirit and she collapsed onto the floor. Then,

「Thank goodness.....」

She said as tears started to fall from her eyes.

「Oioi, what's wrong?」

「N-nothing. I just fired myself up for no reason..」

She said and wiped her eyes and stood up. But she was abnormally pidgeon-toed.

「Oi, did you.....」

「Th-this time it's alright! A bit came out, but my underwear stopped it! I didn't dirty the floor!」

That's not the issue here.

Why does this Witch Princess relax everything including her bladder?

I really didn't expect my store to be watered twice on the first day. Though the second time was only an attempt.

「.....well, I guess it can't be helped. Go get changed.」

「O-ok. Thank you for your concern Daichi-dono.....I will apologize and guide you around town, so could you give me some of your time tonight?」

「Ok fine, but you're wasting time, so go change and come back.」

Thank you! And Dianeia teleported back.

「But still, we've got a lot of guests tonight.....」

I'd made the living space quite large, but it was almost full.

Hesty, her acquaintance Karen, her charge Athena, Dianeia, then us.

It looks as though the festival tonight will be lively.

Chapter 98: Information Before Enjoying The Festival

Dianeia had changed and returned. Then Athena, Karen, and Dianeia once again bowed.

「Well then once again let's introduce ourselves. I am one of the Dragon Kings, Karen. I have come here as Princess Athena's protector.」

「I am Athena. I am a Princess who lives in the Capitol with father...I mean the King.」

A princess and her private forces huh?

First time I'm hearing it.

Why are people of such social status gathering in my store?

My store had been empty till now, but all of a sudden it's gotten full.

Though it is busy right now,

「There aren't any customers here for the grand opening.....」

「I-I'm really sorry. I'll be more careful with my teleportation.」

「Yeah, please do.」

As long as you understand then it's alright.

But I'm just wondering how long these princesses are planning on staying in my store.

「It's already pretty late, is it alright if you don't go back?」

I asked and Athena looked a bit troubled as she looked at me.

「Daichi-oniisan I have something to ask, would you listen?」

「I don't mind listening, what is it?」

「Un, it's about what our objective was in coming to this town.....
Karen can I tell him?」

「I think it should be fine. There would be no way for our movements to go unnoticed by such a strong man. Plus, Hesty is one of the most experienced Dragon Kings.」

After obtaining Karen's support, Athena began to speak.

「.....actually The Four Elemental Spirit(s) (Earth, Water, Fire, Wind) ran away from the Royal Capital's treasury.」

「What? The Four Elemental Spirit(s) should be the country's defensive trump card....they ran away?」

「Un, for some reason they drilled a hole through the treasury and ran. So we came here to capture the run away spirit. This is the order of the country and my father.」

Athena said and gazed out the window.

「The spirit has a nature that seeks the most magically rich area. So we came to Prussia with the most magically inclined people. Plus the festival was happening which improved the chances further.」

「I see, so things are stacked in your favor?I would've been happy if you'd told me so in the first place.」

Dianeia said while frowning and Athena bowed her head.

「I'm sorry Onee-sama. We were in such a rush that we only sent news that we were coming and I was going to tell you in person.」

「I see. I teleported you before you were able to tell me. So now I'm getting this information.」

「Un, and Daichi-oniisan is here as well. I'm glad I could tell him.」

「Hm? Why does this matter to me?」

According to this conversation, this really doesn't have anything to do with me.

「Umm well, it's because Daichi-oniisan has such huge magic power. The spirits should be drawn to you.」

「Oh...I see. But would drawing them to me cause anything bad?」

I asked and Athena shook her head.

「With Daichi-oniisan's power, there should be no harm. However, there will be trouble if we try to catch it during the height of the festival. I am apologizing in advance if we interrupt your fun. that's why I thought of telling you now.」

Fumu fumu, so she might end up putting a damper on the festivities.

Well, I can tolerate that much.

「If it doesn't cause me any real harm, then I don't really mind.」

I'll just enjoy myself moderately. It'd be good if no one interferes with everyone's fun.

It's good that I can prepare myself for any trouble this time.

「Thank goodness. Then we can collect the spirit without worrying right Karen?」

「Yes. We will begin tonight.....it's almost time so shall we depart?」

「Un, thank you for tonight Daichi-oniisan. I'm glad I could meet an Oniisan-like person on my first night here.」

Athena said as she smiled.

I don't really remember doing much of anything, but it's good as long as she's happy.

「You really saved me. I will show my gratitude on another day.」

「Ok, see ya」

「Thanks Daichi-oniisan. I'll see you tomorrow~」

They said as they left for the castle.

Only Dianeia was left in my store.

「So...why are you the only one left?」

I asked and she answered while blushing.

「W-well, I was going to guide you around. I showed you a disgraceful sight, and I was hoping to make up for this mistake tonight by guiding you around.」

「Hm? You have a lot to do as Princess right? You don't really have to guide me you know?」

Things like gathering spirits sound like it's gonna be an ordeal.

I was wondering if she didn't need to help out.

「Yeah, there may come a time when they ask for my assistance, but as of now, they have not. Furthermore.....it may be selfish but....I want to prioritize going around the festival with you over my duties as a princess...」

She said with red cheeks and a voice that seemed like it would disappear at any moment.

Well, if she wanted to then I had no reason to stop her.

「Alright, I'll leave the guidance to you.」

「R-really!?!」

「...why are you surprised?」

She was the one who asked to do it.

「W-well I thought you might refuse.....I showed you such a disgraceful sight after all...」

This and that are different things.

「Well, I'm thankful for someone generous like Dianeia guiding us...someone who knows the town.」

「I-I see. Thank goodness.....Th-then leave everything to me! I know every place from the famous to the hidden!」

「Ok, we'll be in your care Dianeia.」

And so we decided to head out into the night.

Chapter 99: The Streetscape

Dianeia guided our group to the shopping district's main street.

Sakura and Hesty glanced at the storefronts and seemed to be having a good time.

I was really enjoying myself watching them but,

「There are really a lot of people huh.....」

Even though it was late at night, there were a lot of people here... after all it was a festival.

Although it wasn't to the degree that you couldn't walk without bumping into someone, it was cramped. However, for some reason there was an air pocket around our group so we didn't feel the press of the crowd.

However, that didn't change the fact that there were a lot of people.

「Even though it's like this...there are still much fewer people than during the day. It was much more crowded.」

「I see...——ok then let's stay inside during the day...」

「Ha, you made your decision fast Daichi-dono. Well, I guess...

leaving this main street aside, the area around the castle won't be crowded so you can loiter around there I think.」

I don't like loitering around in crowds, so I'm grateful for that at least. I'm grateful for the care she's showing...

「Hyahha~ isn't that Boss?」

I heard a voice call out from behind me.

I turned to look and saw a head reflecting the light of a streetlamp.

「Ash huh? It's been a while.」

「Osu! It's been a while Boss!」

The Shining Heads were assembled behind Ash.

There were about the same number of them as the time they came to raid my house.

They greeted me one after another and bowed their heads.

「What are you doing here?」

「We're patrolling the festival. We were hired by the Princess over

there.」

「Umu, with this kind of festival there are a lot of altercations. The knights alone would not be able to handle it. We made up the numbers by using accomplished adventurers.」

Those Shining Heads seem to be a part of that.

Well, with this many people there are bound to be a few disagreements. This should be expected when you gather so many people together.

As I thought that...

「Hey! You just stepped on my foot didn't you!?!」

「Haa!? Don't go spouting bull!」

On a connected street it sounded like two men were in a scuffle.

They were both muscular with one holding a sword and the other a staff. Just by looking at them you could tell they were adventurers.

Speak of the devil and he appears...there were people causing trouble right here, and when I looked over at them...

「Hyahha, you guys are making trouble?」

Ash called out and slowly approached them.

His voice was calm but his eyes were sharp.

「Haa!? Who are y——you're the Shining Heads' leader!?!」

「Hyahha~ I'm Ash the leader of Shining Head. I'm patrolling around here...but you guys wouldn't possibly be causing a problem...right?」

Ash asked calmly and the two men vigorously nodded and threw their arms around the other's shoulders.

「「No! We aren't causing any problems!」」

「Hyahha~ I see. Then that's good. Enjoy the festival, ok?」

and so the two that had been fighting, disappeared into the crowd while still holding each other's shoulders.

After seeing that, the people in the surrounding all erupted into whispered conversations.

「Amazing, that's what you'd expect from such a monstrous party with over 90% completion rate...just by looking and talking they're

that overwhelming.」

「Yeah, I heard they changed their base of operations to Prussia... but it was actually true...」

Wow...these Shining Head guys actually seem quite famous. I don't come to town often so this is the first time that I've seen their fame...

「Ash...you guys are really popular huh?」

「Hyahha~ we're just so so.....we're not even close to you Boss.」

「Eh? I'm not famous or popular though?」

I just stayed in the forest and lived peacefully.

「Hyahha~.....Boss is the Hero that protected the town from dragons. If they knew what you looked like then I think they'd swamp you. I think we should split up pretty soon you know? Right now me and the Princess are with you so you're standing out quite a bit.」

「Oh, I see. Dianeia is a princess after all.」

If you saw the princess walking around of course it'd stand out.

「Yep, if there was a single person who knew what you looked like it'd spread like the plague.」

Hmm, with the Hesty and Ramiyuros matters there were quite a few people who knew my face.

That being the case, just standing around here wouldn't be good for me.

「Ok then, let's go to the next place. Dianeia I'll leave it to you.」

「O-ok, roger.」

「Well then, we're off. Do your best~」

「Hyahha~ let's get a drink together soon.」

And so we began to walk to the next location.

A few seconds after Daichi left.

Ash's body was covered in sweat.

A cold sweat ran down his face as he breathed roughly.

「Haa.....huuu.....」

「L-Leader are you ok?」

「W-well....when you stand near that man, you can really feel the difference in power.」

Ash looked at the place where Daichi had walked away.

His path was completely empty of people and it stayed that way for a while.

「Really amazing.....when I sent out my own magic power he didn't even react...in fact his overwhelmed my own completely.」

When he had gone to stop the fight, he emitted his magic power.

His opponents were only amateur adventurers, but an even more powerful magic was suddenly focused on them. It suddenly and completely engulfed them.

It was so ludicrously powerful that it wasn't even funny.

「But that's why we admire him.」

Ash laughed. Then he called out to the Shining Heads members.

「Hyahha~ fire yourselves up boys! We're gonna keep going—!」

「Ou!!」

Chapter 100: Wandering Around And Enjoying The Festival

We walked through the town with Dianeia.

This was the first time I'd had the opportunity to take it easy and stroll through the town.

This made it fun just to go around sight seeing.

As my gaze flitted here and there....

「Hm?」

Dianeia's face was red and she seemed giddy with her eyes wandering.

「What's up Dianeia? Are you tired again?」

「N-no...I may be a bit tired but it's no that. This is my first experience walking around the town with people like this (a man). It makes me feel a bit giddy.」

「Well, it is a festival after all...」

Since you're walking among such a lively crowd I can understand that you might be cheerful.

「Well, I'd appreciate it if you don't overdo things and collapse again...」

She had collapsed from overwork only a few days ago after all.

「Hahaha.....you really helped me out. It's thanks to you that I can face each day like this. Really...there's so much to thank you for.....」

Dianeia spaced out while staring at my face.

「Thank you. I know I've said it before, and I may end up saying it much more from now on...but I want to give you my thanks once more.」

「There's no need to give me your thanks again. I've only done what I needed and what I wanted to do, to live a peaceful life.」

「Hearing you say that puts me at ease.....and hearing that doing what you wanted ended with you being here with me...makes me kind of happy.」

She said while blushing and scratching at her cheek as she quickly averted her eyes.

She's such a busy girl looking here and there.

Well, I can't say I'm not doing the same. I'm looking around at all the people and things there are to see.

As I thought that, Dianeia seemed to panic a bit as she continued speaking.

「U-umm, Daichi-dono. Sorry to change the subject but, where did Anne-dono and Ramiyuros-dono go?」

「Hm? Where? Anne didn't come back after she headed to your place you know?」

「Huh?」

We hadn't seen her again after we split up.

Dianeia tilted her head in confusion.

「You haven't seen her?」

「No...I already received her report. Then she said that she'd go ahead to your place Daichi-dono.....I wonder where she went?」

Fumu fumu. We may have missed each other then...

「Well, we'll meet her eventually. It's a big town but it's not like I go anywhere...I don't think she's lost or drunk either.」

「Umu...I guess.」

「Well just in case, I'll make a small golem in place of a landmark.」

It seems to be a rare thing so it should stand out.

I took an apple seed out of my pocket, put it in the ground, and grew it. Then I shaped it into a person shape.

「n~, unexpectedly it felt pretty good growing it here. Does this town's soil have a lot of magic power?」

「Haha, it can't be compared to your home. However, since you're quite close to town, the magic power in the soil has improved. I'm quite grateful.」

I'm just living normally.

However, thanks to that it was easy to make the golem, so that's good.

AS I thought that I mixed the wood with a magic stone.

Then a 1 meter tall wooden doll smoothly stood and began to walk.

「You're speed has increased, and I can feel the overflowing magic power from this golem. It has incredible abilities.」

「Well....it's only a landmark...」

With a golem walking amongst the people, it'd be easier to spot.

Furthermore, though it may be small, it is a golem. It can also do manual labor. For now, let's just have it walk next to me like usual.

「Dianeia, if you get tired from walking you can ride this.」

「Eh?」

「Well, didn't you just say you were tired? Just tell me when you can't hold on any longer, ok?」

「O-ok, th-thank you Daichi-dono.....But I'm still alright. I still want to walk with you some more.」

Dianeia said and lowered her head.

Well, if she says she's alright I'll leave her be. I'll tell Sakura and Hesty too.

「Sakura, Hesty. If you get tired or if you have too much luggage

you can get on this guy or put things on him.」

「Ok, thank you very much Master.」

「n, understood.」

And so I walked around the town with the three of them and my golem.

Chapter 100.5: —Side Anne— Lost Dragon And The Day Of Flames

Anne and Ramiyuros were some distance from the main street and were standing in front of a large bonfire.

The flames were ignited on the crossed wood that was piled up to nearly one meter.

「I can't believe that after we got lost, we ended up being asked to keep the night's watch.....」

「Well, I'm just glad I can be useful to the people here...」

After they left the castle they wanted to head towards Daichi's store...but before they realized it, they'd ended up here.

They were then asked to look after the fire by the townspeople and now they were standing here.

「Still...this bonfire is pretty big for being made by humans.」

「Well today seems to be the Day of Flames after all...the days of this holiday are divided into the days of Earth, Flame, Water, and Wind. The flames are to indicate which of them this is apparently...」

Tomorrow they'd have a water pillar and the next they'd have a

flag that produces wind.

.....the day of earth had been halted by Ramiyuros's fall.....

She had heard from Dianeia that the day of wind was the last one of the festival.

With all the things that happened, it was miraculous that the only consequence was the festival becoming shorter...it was abnormal.

But what was even more abnormal was that, this miraculous occurrence was caused by a single man.

「As expected of Anne. You know a lot about people.」

「No no, my knowledge can't compare to that of Aneue-sama.」

Anne said as she imagined where Hesty was now.

「Aww, I bet Karen-sama has already reached Daichi-sama's place by now...I suppose they've already finished talking...」

「It could be...I wonder if Karen and Daichi-san are alright...」

「Well, if it's Karen-sama and Daichi-sama then they should be able to converse somehow, if not.....this place would've already

turned into a war zone.」

「I suppose you're right.」

Anne gazed out at the lively festival.

Just by seeing this it was clear that the two of them hadn't fought...that much she knew.

「If she had flourished her power, then things wouldn't have ended with just an apology. If Daichi-sama had wielded his power then this town would've already been crushed flat. So, it seems that things went well.」

「Ahh, I guess so~. Daichi-san's powerful could easily blow me away...so even if I was there I don't think I could do anything.」

「I think so too. I don't think I'd be able to stop Daichi-sama either.」

They'd reached some common ground and Ramiyuros nodded vigorously.

His power was absurd.

His power felt similar to Hesty's but comparing the feeling they got.....

.....she felt an instinctive shiver run down their spines when faced with Daichi-sama's impossible power.....

For that reason...she was glad that Karen hadn't gotten the brunt of it.

However, she had wanted to see the meeting between Daichi and one of the most excellent Dragon Kings, Karen...but,

「I'm sorry Ramiyuros-sama for forcing you along with me and my poor sense of directions.」

「No no, don't mind it. I don't know this town well, so we're the same in that regard....But still...since we were asked by the Princess should we still go and see Daichi-san once we're done here?」

Anne nodded slowly in response.

「That's right.....Aneue-sama might even yell at me 「You're late!」. That'd be pretty good」

「Hmm...I don't really know about that....——uh...huh?」

As they were talking Ramiyuros had been looking around when her gaze was drawn.

「What happened Ramiyuros-sama?」

「Umm, isn't the fire strangely...more powerful?」

「Huh? You're right.」

The peaceful orange flames had become red in color.

Not only that, the shape of the fire was gradually changing.

It was slowly forming into the shape of a man standing on the top of the pillar.

Anne saw that and felt a strange magic power. She placed her hand across Ramiyuros's chest and stepped back.

「Please step back Ramiyuros-sama. It doesn't seem to be a simple flame anymore.」

「Un, so it seems. It feels like the temperature just shot up.」

The moment that Ramiyuros spoke up so care-freely...

—Boom—

The flames spread.

Then the human shaped flame leapt with incredible speed towards Anne and Ramiyuros.

「Mu」

「Woah watch out.」

The human shaped flame suddenly went flying away from Anne as Ramiyuros lightly flicked it away with the back of her hand.

The flame that'd been repelled once again stood up and turned it's head towards them.

「.....what's up with this flame?」

「Mmm, I don't know, but it's full of vim and vigor.」

Ramiyuros waved her hand while speaking.

On the back of her hand was a small amount of blood.

「Ramiyuros-sama...that wound」

「Un, I got burned a bit, but I'm ok. It'll heal quickly. I'm still convalescing so it seems like my human form is soft as well...」

「Flames strong enough to burn a Dragon King? A monster...

possibly a spirt? Either way...it's strong.」

She wanted to taste that burning sensation a bit...but she'd hold it in.

She'd been entrusted to be a fire watchman so she should put out the flames here and set things to rights.

She thought as she observed the flame person.

「.....!」

It bent it's legs and prepared to leap again.

It's coming again, she thought when,

「Oh, speak of the devil. Oi Anne, Ramiyuros~!」

From behind her she heard a voice call out. Daichi had appeared and it wasn't just him.

「Daichi-sama!? And Aneue-sama and you guys?」

They were all there.

At the moment she was distracted and,

「——-!!」

The human flame seemed to realize something and faced Daichi and them. It exploded into motion.

「Ah Daichi-sama! That thing is——-!!」

Anne immediately turned to Daichi and cried out.

As she was calling out the flame continued forward. It moved with incredible speed straight towards them then,

「Hm?」

The golem that had been carrying the luggage stepped on it.

「Ahhh.....oh...I guess...yeah I shouldn't have expected anything else.」

「Yep...」

Her warning cry was pretty much meaningless.

「What? Something came flying out from the fire I thought... something's acting violently?」

「Well...how should I put it...Daichi-san is amazing.」

「Really...」

「? I don't get what you're talking about...but tell me what happened.」

「Ok, please wait a moment.」

And so Anne told Daichi what had occurred.

Chapter 101: Flame Spirit

After hearing the whole story from Anne and Ramiyuros, Dianeia and I looked at the flames that had been crushed beneath my golem's feet.

「Dianeia do you know what this is?」

「Yeah, this is a Flame Spirit....one of the Four Elemental Spirits....Ow hot!」

「Fu~~~~」

When Dianeia approached the spirit it hissed and flared up.

Was it ferocious? The heat it gave off was burning my golem.

However, it was only burning the outer layer of my golem, it was still firmly held down and unable to escape.

After all is said and done, it is weaker than Hesty's flames.

「But still...a spirit huh...isn't this what Athena said they were after?」

「We met it first. They must have come around this area because of the strong magic power.」

So that means...because there are two Dragon Kings here they approached.

「I understand why they came here...but what should we do with it?」

「I-I wonder. Whenever I try to approach it looks like it'll burn me...」

「Fu~~!」

It kept on saying Fu~Fu~.

It's voice seemed to weaken...but since it was able to flare up like that it should be lively enough.

Letting it go would be dangerous, so maybe I should just use the golem's feet to tie it up here.

As I thought that and approached...

「.....」

「Huh?」

For some reason when the spirit looked at my face it fell silent.

Furthermore, the flames that had been raging on its body disappeared and revealed a semitransparent red human shaped creature.

「What's up with this guy?」

It suddenly turned obedient.

Did it spout too much fire and tire itself out?

「Yeah, it seems like it was overpowered by Daichi-dono's magic power. It probably also recognized you as the owner of the golem and realized it could not oppose you. Spirits have a nature which causes them to obey those stronger than them and want to contract with them.」

「Huh, is that so?」

「Since it has acknowledged you Daichi-dono it should not attack you.」

Fumu fumu, I'd been living with my house's spirit for a while and I still hadn't known about this disposition of theirs.

I tested it out by extending my hand towards the fire spirit and... it didn't try to burn me as she had said.

「If it's safe then...I guess I'll capture it like this.」

「Umm, is that ok?」

「Why are you so doubtful?」

「Well...if Daichi-dono captured it I'd be very grateful...but wouldn't that cause you trouble....」

What are you even saying after all this time?

I can simply catch it now.

If I left it alone and it went out of control, then the town and my shop might go up in flames...I'd like to avoid that. I think it'd be best if I just caught it now.

「It'll be fine, just contact Athena by the end of the day and have her come pick it up tomorrow.」

「O-Ok. Understood. Thank you for your assistance.」

Then it's settled. I wrapped up the fire spirit using a portion of the golem's leg and captured it. This would make it easier to carry around town.

「Still, as expected of Daichi-dono. Your link with the golem is

really fast. I've never seen you use this foot technique before.」

「Well, I was just thinking that it'd be better to use the feet since its hands are full with the luggage.」

I'd made them many times and controlled them many more. This made it a snap to control the golems.

「...really, when I see Daichi-dono I get even more motivated to improve myself. Ah ah, I saw something good.」

Dianeia said with enjoyment.

I don't really get it, but if she's happy then it doesn't matter.

「n, then I'll leave the message to you. I'd like to leave the spirit somewhere safe, so I'll return to my home pretty soon.」

I said and Dianeia looked down at the ground for a few seconds while seemingly thinking of something.

「Mu...I guess...I guess that's right. I wanted to guide you to more places...it's regretful but....ok. I'll convey the message. I'll head back to the castle.」

「Yeah, I'll have you guide us another day. When you have free time tell me.」

「Ok~! I'll somehow make some free time! So when that time comes, walk with me once more. ——Later」

「Yeah, see you.」

And so the day's sightseeing drew to a close.

Sakura and Hesty seemed to have enjoyed themselves and I did to some extent as well.

This was a good start to the festival.

Chapter 102: Staying In The Store

We parted with Dianeia and headed to the shop. I placed the fire spirit where it wouldn't be able to burn anything and lay down in the living space.

Hesty didn't seem to be tired yet so she went out again.

Furthermore, Ramiyuros decided to stay over at Anne's house so she didn't come back to the store either.

So, right now only Sakura and I were here in the shop.

Well, if you were to say that that's the usual situation...it is but...

....This was the first time I was sleeping anywhere except in my home.

It felt strangely different from my home.

Even when I was lying down in bed I had a strange feeling and couldn't get to sleep.

It seems like Sakura was similar in that regard.

「.....」

She was sitting on a chair by the window, spacing out while looking outside.

Her profile somehow seemed lonely.

So I got out of bed and went to sit next to her.

「Ah, Master. Are you alright not sleeping yet?」

「Well...I can't say I am but I can't seem to calm down. Sakura aren't you the same?」

「Ummmm.....yes. I guess you're right. I'm the same as you.」

She answered with a smile that seemed to be trying to gloss over it.

「The environment is different from the house after all.」

「Yes, there isn't much to clean around here, there's no place to keep watch over, and most of the things I needed to do are gone.」

Oh I see. At home we have the house itself, the garden, and the onsen...there's quite a lot.

Compared to here, there's barely anything to do.

「Even so, if I was able to look at Master's sleeping face then I wouldn't get tired of it but....」

「But, I can't fall asleep and so you have nothing to do.」

I said and Sakura nodded.

It seems like she's bored.

「Well it can't be helped that you're free...you could go out and walk around the festival?」

「Ahh, no. I like 「going to the festival with Master」 and was looking forward to that. I don't want to walk around crowded places by myself.」

「You're stealing my lines...」

「Well I am Master's property. It can't be helped that I take after you.」

Fufu, Sakura laughed.

I don't know whether a house begins to take after it's owner...but it seems it's true she doesn't enjoy crowded areas.

「Yeah, it seems like we're in a bit of a mood because we're

missing home.」

「Is that so?」

「Of course, even if you changed my pillow I could sleep...but my bed and my home are the best.」

This store was brand new, I had made it to be easy to live in. The kitchen and bathroom are fully equipped and the living space is large enough.

So even if we were to live here there shouldn't be a problem but,

「Even so, our home is the most comfortable. Of course we miss it.」

I fully realized it now that it was time for us to sleep.

I had lived and eaten in that house for so many years that the affection had built up.

When I told her that, her eyes closed in bliss.

「For you to say such a thing...makes me as a House Spirit truly happy.」

Sakura cuddled up to my and caressed my hand.

「Even so, this house that Master made is very easy to live in and is quite pleasant. I think as a house spirit that it is good as well.」

「Haha, when I receive such a compliment it feels like my architectural skills aren't useless after all.」

「They're not useless, I think that you should use your construction abilities even more.」

I see...then if I feel like it then I might make some more additions.

「.....At any rate, the town is really lively.」

「Indeed.」

Sakura and I looked out the window as we talked.

The house was soundproofed so it wasn't noisy, but we could see the liveliness of the town.

「I don't like crowded places but, sometimes staying up late in places like this is good sometimes.....」

「Isn't it? We don't often get this kind of opportunity.」

Sakura leaned herself into me and I held her.

And so the two of us waited for sleep to take us as we sat there.

Chapter 102.5: —Side Three— Women In The Castle—

Night time, Spirit Capture Planning.

Dianeia returned to the office in the castle and sent a message to inform Karen of the spirit's capture.

Karen and Athena were sleeping in the castle's guest room but they woke up and rushed to the office. They vigorously entered and bowed.

「Thank you very much Dianeia. I'm thankful for both the message and the capture of the spirit.」

「Un, thank you Onee-sama.」

「No no, please don't worry about it. If you want to thank someone, thank Daichi-dono who actually captured the spirit....it's thanks to him that it was possible.」

Karen and Athena had only been here for a day but they had already captured one of them.

The spirits wouldn't normally show themselves easily, so they were difficult to capture. It was really quite amazing.

「In the past it was recorded that capturing one of the Four

Elemental Spirits took a year.」

「Yes, I saw that as well. For that purpose the festival was created to make it easier.」

The origin of the festival in Prussia was this.

The festival was in fact part of a ritual used by the First Capital to contract the Four Elemental Spirits as guardians.

「With the festival going on, we believed that the spirits would come out more easily. That being the case, the fastest we believed we could catch them was a month.」

「Yes. To be able to catch one on the first day was really surprising. We must thank Daichi.」

Karen said but she looked depressed.

「Karen-dono? What's wrong?」

「Well, there is one troublesome thing.」

Troublesome? It's only the first day and there's already trouble?

「Yes, up until now we have not found the wind, earth, and water spirits. However, we were able to sense all of them.」

Karen took out a black pendant from her bag.

「That is...?」

「This is the Magic stone that the Royal Family's spirits were sealed with. One of the special attributes of it, is that it will become a deeper black the closer it comes to spirits' powers.」

「I see, but it's already pitch black.....」

「It is much blacker than it was yesterday.」

So today it felt the presence of spirits more strongly.

「The spirits will take in magic power from the area and grow... this stone proves that they are in fact growing. However, if they receive too much they will go out of control.」

「That's a problem.....is there no way to find and catch them quickly?」

「The problem is that they are made of natural energy. They may throw the surrounding energy out of order, but when we approach they can easily conceal themselves. If they were to make themselves invisible and continue to grow....you understand how bad that would be right?」

Yeah...spirits are those types of creatures.

It was for this reason that the festival was made to call them into the open.

「If possible then I'd like to have them collected before they cause a problem.」

「Yes. However, if things reach a bad spot I will take responsibility and absorb them.」

「Absorb them?」

「Yes, I am one of the 'Supreme' Dragon King after all. I have strong abilities in the spirit medium department. So, absorbing them and sealing them within my body should be possible.」

Karen said as she threw out her chest in pride.

「Certainly with the power of a Dragon King you could take them into your body...but will you be alright?」

「It shouldn't cause any problems with my health. The only problem would be if I was unable to suppress them.」

「Problem? Like what?」

「I'd go berserk...」

「That's absolutely no good!!」

Having a Dragon King rampage in town was one of the things she most wanted to avoid.

Dianeia truly wished Karen would spare her from such an occurrence as she smiled bitterly.

「It's fine. If I need to seal them I'll do it outside of town...I refuse to rampage unless it's by my own desire. If my will becomes weak and I'm on the verge of death....then don't worry and mercilessly defeat me.」

「No...even if you say defeat you...you're a Dragon King you know?」

She's asking for the impossible.

「You've got other Dragon Kings like Hesty and Ramiyuros so it should be fine. After I've rampaged a while my body should be at its limits so even humans should be able to defeat me.」

Karen said calmly, but Dianeia really hoped it wouldn't come down to that.

A fight between Dragon Kings would surely cause a lot of damage

and losses...it'd become a great war.

Even more so, she could see the worry in Athena's face.

「That's only the worst case scenario. Please don't worry.」

「.....really? You can't lose easily like that ok?」

「Yes Princess Athena. I was just mentioning the worst case scenario so things could be prepared, please don't worry about it.」

Karen said. It was best to prepare for the worst.

「Yes, I think we should mobilize to make sure that this doesn't come to fruition.」

「Indeed, more than the spirits rampaging, we should focus on capturing them quickly. So tomorrow, the day of water, we will be doing our best. So please help remove any hindrances and problems that may occur Dianeia.」

「Don't worry. I'll do all I can to cooperate.」

And so they talked as the first day of the festival drew to a close.

Chapter 103: Opening Of The Store On The Second Day

I woke up feeling alright on the second day of the festival.

Though I say that...it was around noon and I ate the brunch that Sakura prepared.

It wasn't different from what we usually did, but what was different was the environment. We could hear the murmur of the people out on the street.

「Haa, it's a bit weird.」

It wasn't bad, but it was a strange feeling.

「Indeed. The flame in the kitchen was a bit difficult to use. The taste may have become worse as well.」

「Really? I thought that it was delicious as always, so don't worry.」

It was just like usual...at least I couldn't tell the difference. It was delicious enough that I wanted to finish everything.

「Thank you very much.....but still the flame depends on magic. It was easy to adjust at home because we are connected to the dragon vein, but here I feel like it was a bit off.」

I understood how Sakura felt.

We were so used to our home that everything here felt slightly off.

I rolled out of my bed several times and stubbed my toes on obstacles.

Like tables and chairs...I'd made things so they'd be easy to use here but I don't get why it felt so wrong.

It seems like the two were different issues.

「Maybe I should put a bit of effort in...」

This store was a temporary residence, but that didn't mean I could just neglect it.

It wasn't just a place to sleep...it was a living space.

Let's modify the living space...at the very least I'd like to make an addition.

「Yeah...I'd like at least 3 floors.」

「Me too. The more space we have to use the better.」

「You know it.」

Yesterday I had understood after the large number of guests, if I just left this place as is, we wouldn't have any free space.

Well, I didn't think we'd have that many guests usually, but currently it's a bit cramped. We only had a living space and an apple storehouse...

.....but even so it was cramped.

I could use the tree that I'd used to catch Ramiyuros. Though I had made it smaller, it could still be used to make more floors.

「First off, I should make my private room.....hmm I wonder how long that'll take.」

「Umm, with Master's power now, I think it should be completed quickly.」

Sakura nodded. Ok then, let's do it quickly. Then about the store...

「Sakura, how is the juice production going?」

「The golems were making it last night. We have a good amount.」

I looked and saw several wooden barrels of juice behind the counter.

The golem had stopped with its thumb up.

It seemed like it had finished the task I assigned it.

「Ok, then all that's left is to open up shop.」

It wouldn't take up my time.

The golems would be working behind the counter.

I just need to show my face first, then every once in a while.

I think it's about time we open the shop.

「Once we finish eating let's open up the shutters. Sakura make your preparations.」

「Ok, roger Master!」

And so my shop would open at noon on the second day of the festival.

Chapter 104: First Customer

I wanted to see the face of my first customer when they appeared, so I went to the front counter.

Then a few minutes later my first customer appeared.

「Our King, Congratulations on the opening of your new store.」

「Garou huh? It's been a while.」

My first customer wasn't a human...but a wolfman.

Though in a certain sense you could say they're human.

「I never said I'd be opening a shop, you really came quick.」

「We are Wolf people after all. Our information and rumor gathering is one of the things we're most confident in. Even more so when it involves our King's business.」

Oh yeah, they've been getting closer to the people of the town recently. It seems they have many ways of getting information.

「.....well, even if we didn't hear of it, this store is covered in your magical power. Anyone would notice.」

「Hm? Is it really leaking out that much?」

After the incident yesterday I'd strengthened the coating too.

「Yes, this golem and the drinks are leaking magic power. We could not think of any other store that would sell items with such magic power in them except for our King.」

「Oh.....」

I see. I was too preoccupied with my own body and didn't consider the golems.

They are made of magic stones and my trees so of course they'd be leaking magic.

「Normal people won't notice that so don't worry. It's only to the degree that they may be subconsciously drawn here if they're feeling poorly.」

「I see. Then I might as well leave it as is.」

If the wolf people with sharp senses says so then I shouldn't need to worry.

「Well then, I forgot to say it but.....Welcome! How many drinks would you like?」

「Could I get 30 cups?」

「.....that's a lot isn't it?」

I could've understood one or two, but for it to go directly into double digits...

「It's for everyone in the intelligence unit. They sent me as their representative.」

「Unit? All 30 of them are here?」

「Yes, if there's trouble they can report or return to the village. Plus we can observe the town at the same time.」

Oh, these wolf people are really getting to work. It's good that they're mixing in with the townspeople.

「No no, it's thanks to you, Our King. Our accomplishments each day and our sense of fulfillment can't be compared to when we were constantly fighting and plundering.」

「n? I didn't really do anything much, it's due to your efforts. You don't need to overpraise me like that.」

The golem was squeezing the juice as the wolfman closed his eyes.

「Your Majesty is truly generous and tolerant. I'm glad that we have the opportunity to serve.」

I don't really remember them doing anything to serve me...but whatever.

As we chatted, the juice was finished.

I was thinking of handing him the cups...but realized it wasn't really realistic, so I gave him a barrel.

「Here, is this alright?」

「Thank you very much! We will drink it with care! How much does it cost?」

「Ah.....」

How much does it cost???

I hadn't thought of that.

.....in comparison to the surrounding stalls, it was so delicious that it could fetch 100 or 200 gold....I think?

I'm ignorant of the prices in this world.

There's a good chance I'll overcharge people, so let's ask.

「How much do you think? If you'd help me out, I'd be grateful.」

「Eh.....M-me...give the king my opinion? Th-that's a heavy responsibility.....」

He's clearly nervous...I just want him to tell me.

「Tell me objectively. You're good at intelligence gathering right?」

「C-certainly I did say so but.....」

「Then I'll thank you in advance.」

I said and Garou timidly nodded.

「Th-that's right.....this isn't just plain juice. It has effects close to a recovery potion and is of high quality....so I think 1,000 gold would be appropriate.」

1,000 gold huh? I'm not completely clear about the value, but I'd been told that 3,000,000 gold would allow you to live in the lap of luxury and play around for an entire year.

「One cup of juice for 1,000? That's pretty expensive. Are you sure

you haven't inflated the price?」

「A-Absolutely not! It has the effect of a high class potion, great efficiency, and great cost!taking into account that it doesn't take much time, the price has been lowered. I'm not inflating it at all! I swear on my life that I am fairly judging it!」

1,000 is after it was made cheaper?

I don't really understand the value of what I'm selling here,

「Well then, I'll go with your price.」

「Ah, yes. 30 of them comes to 30,000. Please take this your majesty.」

The wolfman took out money from his bag and handed it over. It looked to be the right amount.

「Ah, well, thank you for your patronage.」

「Thank you very much. I pray for the success of Your Majesty's shop.」

He left and I looked at the bag full of money. I felt that it had special meaning...

「Ugh....if it's too successful then that might be bad.....」

I'd set the price...but I think it might be bad if I don't start thinking about what I should spend the money on.

It's great to make money...but if it builds up too much, then my store won't be able to hold it all. I started to think of countermeasures as I watched over my store.

Chapter 105: A Store Where Only Inhuman People Come

I was worrying over the price when another customer arrived.

This time it was a well dressed elderly gentlemen.

「Good day. I'm here to do some shopping.」

「Good day.....wait...you're Genryuu.」

「Oh, you remembered me? I'm honored Your Majesty.」

The next to arrive was Genryuu.

He was originally the second strongest dragon compared to Hesty, he had a gentle temperament.

For a moment I almost mistook him for a simple old man.

「Well, I'm not especially good at human form. Unless I project this kind of aura I won't fool anyone.」

「To use your aura to fool people is already amazing enough.」

Actually, I haven't had any customers aside from nonhumans...

that's weird. Does this town have a lot of them?

Whatever, customers are customers.

「This store only sells apple juice, is that still alright?」

「Yes, I don't care. But the order is quite large, is that alright with you?」

So he's got a big order?

Well, you'd probably need about ten cups to give a dragon a proper drink.

「I don't mind. I already received a large order before. As long as you can wait then it should be fine.」

「Oh, thank goodness. Then—can I have 150 cups please?」

「Huh?」

Did I mishear?

I think it might be bad if I made a mistake so please say it once more.

「Ok. 150 please.」

「.....that many?」

「They are for the members of our household who have reached adulthood. Hesty-sama said that it was very delicious so they've been noisily clamoring to try some.」

Another shopping trip for their group huh?

Well it's good to be selling.

「But will 150 even be enough for a dragon's body? Or is one or two enough for each?」

「Yes, these are for those who can turn into human form. It's a reward for those who have successfully done so.」

Oh, I see. If it's for them then 150 should be enough.

From what I've seen there shouldn't be much more than 100 dragons in the valley.

「But, is it really alright to only give them apple juice as a reward?」

「It's juice that recovers magic and it is from the man who controls that overflowing magic power and strength. It can only be considered a reward.」

「Is that so?」

From my standpoint, I'm just glad that I'm selling. However, it is going to take a while so he'll need to wait.

「Alright, it's no problem. If it is His Majesty's order then I will wait no matter how long it takes.....but since spirits are coming around here I don't want to stay very long.」

「Spirits are coming?」

「Yes, with this many people and this much magic, various spirits will be drawn here. Of course, evil ones will be drawn in as well, when you see them you should subjugate them. However, dragons' bodies are one of the best shelters for spirits.」

I had heard that the Four Elemental Spirits had come, but I didn't know that more of them were coming as well.

Oh right, I had heard that this festival has to do with inviting spirits and celebrating them.

「Must be difficult being a dragon.」

「Well, our living conditions are much different from humans. It can't be helped. Dragon Kings are able to blend in more seamlessly, and their bodies are fundamentally different from ours so they

might not mind.」

So dragons have different physiques and races as well huh...

They're much stronger than humans so I thought they didn't have much to worry about, but they're weak to spirits huh...

「Well as long as the dragon isn't unconscious when the spirit invades, we are able to resist them.」

「Fumu fumu, I see.....oh it's finished.」

The small golems had worked together to squeeze the juice into a large bowl.

Then they added water and placed it into a large wooden tank.

Obviously if we put them into cups it'd be too hard to take.

「Here, 150 cups worth.」

I gave the huge tank to Genryuu.

I thought it was a bit heavy, but he lifted it with one hand and took out a bag full of gold.

「How much is it?」

「Umm, one cup is 1,000 gold」

「Fumu fumu, it's cheap. It may be rude to say, but can Your Highness make a proper living like this?」

「Well.....yeah I can.」

In fact I'm troubled about where to store all this money.

The materials I'm using are mostly free of charge.

「Fumu fumu, Your Highness is truly big-hearted. Keeping the price cheap to keep from taking the commoners' money. 150 cups... here is a bag with 150,000 gold.」

「Th-thanks, Thank you for you patronage.」

「Then, until we meet again. Thank you for today.」

Then Genryuu took the huge tank on his shoulder and ran like the wind. I placed the sack of money behind the counter.

.....Up till now it seems that my store has specialized in selling juice to nonhuman species.

And since opening I've only gotten large orders.

I was wondering if this way of business was really alright but,

「Well whatever, they're happy.」

I'm also happy that I get to use up the apples that have been saved up.

Well, instead of apples, money is piling up, but I can think of ways to use it.

And so I continued to act as a shopkeep.

Chapter 106: Extending, Reconstructing, And Remodeling

A short time after the store opened my inventory of juice had been almost emptied.

.....I'd received large orders one after another after all.

I never thought that my inventory would be practically exhausted after only being open for 30 minutes.

So I decided to close the store temporarily to allow the golems time to squeeze more juice. Though I have enough golems and they have enough power, it would still take time to squeeze them by hand.

I returned to the living space till they finished to complete my task.

「Alright, let's do some construction.」

「Ok, I'll help you Master.」

Sakura and I observed the living space.

After the first day of staying here we'd realized it was too small.

In order to make living and working here easier I thought to expand it.

「For now let's add a second and third floor to make sure we have enough space.」

I'd been given land so the width of the store couldn't be changed much, but there wasn't any restriction vertically.

So I thought I'd use some of the unused apples to create trees and add some floors.

Since it was different to how my home expanded, I thought it'd be pretty difficult but,

「Hmm, with Sakura's auto correction it's pretty easy.」

「No no, it's because of Master's magic power that we're able to use the trees so easily.」

It only took a minute or two to finish the expansion.

It had been a one story bungalow up till now, but now it was a three story building.

I had thought that it would take at least an hour to finish this, but it happened almost instantly.

....well, it was good that we saved time.

There were things I could do with the remaining time.

「Ok then. Let's move a project up. Let's make those magic stone arms.」

「The ones you talked about for excavation?」

「Yeah, they are for that, but I think that having more powerful arms would also increase the speed of squeezing the apple juice.」

Since we're expanding the store, there should be some rooms that we can afford to dirty. Using some for work will make things easier.

I thought and took the boxes filled with magic stones up to the second floor to begin my manufacturing.

「Umm, all of these in the box are supposed to be used for synthesis....」

The magic stones that Hesty had separated were all firm and tough.

But if you took the time and synthesized them you'd be able to use them well.

And so one of the big boxes of magic stones had turned into a cylindrical arm but...

「Hmm, this is less like an arm and more like a pestle...」

I wasn't able to make the fingers fine enough, it became quite thick.

「No no, to be able to mold such hard magic stones is already amazing Master.」

「Well, this might be the best I can do at this point. I'm still lacking practice.」

I wanted to be able to make it into a more detailed and fine product.

「But, with it being so hard and heavy you could grind grain, nuts, and berries with it right?」

「Well.....I suppose so.」

With these you could also mash and squeeze the apples too.

「As long as these can accomplish what I need then that should be fine.」

It'd been a while since I crafted a new tool. I'm glad I could spend my free time making something useful.

Chapter 107: Flame Spirit Effect

Athena visited the store around when we finished lunch.

「Daichi-oniisan, Today~.....wait What!? It's bigger.」

「That's improper Princess Athena.」

Athena entered the living space in high spirits but Karen reproved her. She then turned to me and bowed.

「Daichi, I'm sorry for barging in on you.」

「If you have business here then don't worry about it. Even if you don't have business here, as long as you aren't an enemy then it's fine.」

「I'm grateful for your words.」

We greeted each other and made our way to the kitchen.

It was where I'd left the fire spirit yesterday.

It was still sitting there obediently.

「I-it's really one of the four spirits! It's real!」

Athena looked at the semi-transparent red spirit with excitement.

With how she reacted it seems like it was the right one. Thank goodness.



「It seems strangely docile, how did Daichi-oniisan catch it?」

「Eh? Well, it kind of attacked us while we were walking. The golem reflexively kicked it down to the ground.」

It just happened to be the right spirit.

「Th-the golem's kick defeated it? Umm, Daichi-oniisan's golems are made of wood right?」

「Yep.」

「Wood suppressing a fire spirit....is that even possible? Karen?」

「If it had much more magic power within it then it is possible. But it's quite impossible with such a weakness in attributes.」

「Right.....」

Why are you so dumbfounded? I'm quite sure that living green wood is hard to burn, so it might unexpectedly win out over flames.

It was weaker than Hesty's flames after all.

「Well, take it with you when you go. This guy can't stay here forever.」

「Ah, yeah. Understood. Karen the pendant.」

「Certainly.」

Karen said and took the pendant out from between her breasts.

The one with the pitch black gem.

「So Flame Spirit. Return to the magic stone please.」

She said and pointed the pendant at the spirit but,

「Fu~.....」

For some reason the flame spirit was patting the floor of the kitchen.

A few moments later a portion of the kitchen began glowing red.

「.....what is this guy doing?」

「It seems like it likes this place. It seems to be splitting its power here.」

Then after several seconds the flame spirit had split itself.

A small spirit that could be held in the palm of your hand sat down on the kitchen floor.

「What is this?」

「I said it was splitting its power, it seems like it wants to leave a part of its body here. The four spirits rarely split and leave parts of themselves places, it must respect Daichi very much.」

「Fu~」

The split fire spirit looked satisfied as it turned to face the pendant.

It touched the black stone and was sucked into the pendant.

As soon as the spirit completely disappeared the pendant lit up with a red light.

「Alright, the seal has been completed.」

「You say it's sealed, but part of its body is right here?」

It was now standing on top of the kitchen table celebrating with its arms in the air.

「The four spirits have enormous power even if they split themselves. But if they become too weak then we will once again seek out and find a different spirit to contract with. In one sense this trip out was for Princess Athena to find possible contracts. After all the four spirits aren't the only ones protecting the

country.」

「Un, thanks for worrying Daichi-oniisan. But if it's not enough I'll do my best so it's ok! I've been trained by Karen after all.」

Athena smiled and stuck out her chest with pride.

She's a hard worker just like Dianeia.

「That's right, Karen is a Dragon King...why are you training Athena?」

「Ah...I collapsed from hunger and Princess Athena picked me up.」

「YOU TOO!?!」

Hesty, Karen, and you could even throw in Anne...why can't Dragon Kings ever realize that they're hungry?

「When in human form I misjudged my energy. Also if we use power then we just need to sleep to recharge our magic, that being the case our stomachs get neglected.」

That's right isn't it? Hesty and Ramiyuros have only had to sleep so far to recover their energy.

「So, when we start feeling hungry that means we're almost completely out of energy so we'd best find food fast. If not then we usually collapse...it happens more often than you'd think.」

「How should I put this...I'm starting to worry if dragons are really ok as a species.....」

Hesty doesn't say anything and goes and eats grasses and things so I haven't had the opportunity to eat with her.

But recently I've been seriously thinking that their weakness is definitely food.

「It's a good thing that Daichi understands us Dragon Kings so well.」

「Well.....honestly it's pretty obvious from observing...」

I'd seen an 'acquaintance' of mine munching on weeds...so I think it'd be pretty easy to lure them using food.

「Ah Hesty is the same as always huh? Brings back memories.....but I think it's about time for us to leave and stop bothering you.」

「Un, we still need to find spirits after all. Ok then, see you later Daichi-oniisan~!」

「Yeah, see ya.」

They said and left my store.

「They're quite a lively bunch huh.」

「Yes indeed——ah」

We had seen them off when Sakura went back into the kitchen and let out a sound.

「Huh? What's wrong Sakura?」

「Nothing, it's just that the stove's heat has increased.」

When I looked it was true. The flames were bigger than when we'd cooked lunch. I tilted my head and looked at the stove.

「Fu~」

The split off flame spirit was sitting inside of it.

Actually it was more like it was halfway fused with it.

「Could it be this guy?」

「Most likely.」

It seems like there was some benefit in catching the spirit after all.

Chapter 108: Returning Dragon King And Retribution

Athena and Karen had just left when Hesty arrived.

「I'm home.....huh? The spirit, is still here?」

Hesty's gaze was drawn to the kitchen where the fire spirit was baking apples.

「It split or something and left this behind. The main body left with Karen.」

「I see...but to use the power of one of the great elemental spirits for cooking...it's amazing.」

「Well, it's the most practical use for it that I could think of.」

In fact I really didn't have much of an idea as to what else it could be used for.

「Tentatively, it has the power, to penetrate a dragon king's, skin. It has strong, attack power but...when I think about, your power, you don't really need to rely on it huh.」

「In the first place I don't really think that I'll be attacking people.」

Of course if someone tries to harm me I'll counterattack.

But, according to Hesty's words these spirits are quite strong.

「I wonder if having such a strong spirit stay with me is alright?」

「Good or not, it demonstrates, how powerful you are. It'll always be there, you know?」

「Eh, really?」

But, what do you mean by demonstrating how powerful I am?

「You defeated the spirit, and rendered it, helpless right? That would make the spirit have, half a Master-Servant contract with you. Spirits obey the strong after all.」

「Huh, it's the first I've heard of this.」

So when the golem stomped it, that was me showing my power?

After seeing my power it began obeying me huh...

「Your power, was etched upon it. But, it had a contract with, the King.....so it split itself. The spirit should, obey and not, betray you. So it will, always be there.」

I see. It's great that Hesty is so knowledgeable. Even if you told me that it split I wouldn't understand much.

「Fu~」

As I thought that, the spirit spoke up.

It seems the apple had finished baking.

I entered the kitchen and took the baked apple. It was well done so I patted the spirit to thank it,

「Fu~」

It sounded happy.

It looked just like flames but it wasn't hot at all.

「Is it possible that it is lowering its temperature so that I won't burn myself or my things?」

I asked Hesty and she had a difficult look on her face.

「Well.....certainly it is, lowering its temperature, but it's made of flames, so it should still be hot. You're magic coating, is just too strong, so the heat can't pass, through.」

Seriously? It wasn't because it was emotionally attached to me that the temperature lowered?

「To lower the temperature, it would need to put out the flames. So, right now, it is attempting to do so.」

I looked at the spirit again and saw that it was panicking a bit as its body shook. The flames slowly disappeared. When the flames were gone and all that was left was its semitransparent red body, it spread out its arms in an appeal that said 'I'm not hot anymore'. Now it should be safe right?

「.....well as long as there's no issues with keeping it, it's fine.」

Compared to being hostile, it's much less troublesome.

I thought when,

—Guuu—

I heard a stomach growling. However, it wasn't mine.

It was Hesty.

「I think, I'm hungry?」

「Why are you saying it like its in doubt? Here eat this.」

I handed her the baked apple.

「Is that, ok?」

「Yeah, I thought you'd be hungry once you came back, so I made it just in case.」

「....thank you.」

Hesty's cheeks blushed a bit as she took the apple and bit into it.

It looked like it was delicious and I returned to the counter.

「Well then, let's open the store for the afternoon. We'll wait for some customers~.」

Chapter 109: Buying A Lot

As I was about to set up a golem to man the counter, customers arrived.

「Daichi-sama Hello~」

「It's been a little while Daichi-san~」

It was Anne and Ramiyuros.

The morning had continued without very many people coming by.

It's good that more have arrived.

「Welcome. Please wait a bit, I'm setting up a golem right now.」

「I understand. Huh, this is Daichi-san's merchant home huh~. It's the first time I've been here~」

「Well...you actually have been here. Remember, it was when you fell...」

The fact that she'd fallen onto the tree that was around my store should be fresh within her mind.

「Ahaha....that was from the sky. I apologize for the trouble I caused....by the way, this is a juice store right?」

「Yep, it is.」

「Then, could I have 50 cups?」

Ramiyuros was going to buy that much?

Well, I don't mind as long as it ends up selling.

「But what are you going to do with that much? Are there people you want to give it to?」

「Eh? I'm going to drink it you know?」

「Drink 50....by yourself?」

「Un, by myself.」

That reminds me...Ramiyuros is the largest Dragon King.

Maybe that's why she gives off the feeling of a glutton.

Well, the apple juice is quite watered down and she's a Dragon King so she should be alright even if she drinks 50 right?

「Ok then. Here you go 50 cups worth.」

「O~K~」

I gave her the tank of juice and she started gulping it down right then and there.

This...was a pretty incredible sight.

「U-Um Daichi-san...I'll pay for her....umm one cup...1,000 gold!？」

While there weren't any customers I'd made a sign board with the price. Anne looked at that in surprise.

「I-is it really alright for it to be so cheap!？」

「I'm not sure of the market price so this should be alright.」

Fifty cups translated into quite the pretty penny.

「Uu...that's right. 50,000...that's quite the severe expense. My earnings for the day went right out the window.....」

「Earnings? What were you two doing?」

「Umm, we were walking around a bit, selling medicine and magic items.」

Anne showed me the medicine bag around her waist as she handed me the money.

「Ramiyuros-sama was helping me carry the luggage. The proceeds were also carried by her since they ended up being quite a burden.」

I looked at Ramiyuros who was chugging the juice and saw a rucksack on her back. It seemed quite full with the proceeds from their business.

「Looks like things are going well.」

「Yes! Today is the day of water so there are a lot of people drinking today. It's a good opportunity to sell sobering and recovery potions.」

「Huh...」

Day of Fire was bonfires and Day of Water was for drinking?

Certainly there has been quite a lot of merrymaking that had gone on relatively close to here.

Even a general store a distance from my place was engaged in

selling alcohol

「Is that alright?」

「Yes, it's regular behavior for the festival.」

I see. So the town changes each day accordingly.

That's pretty fun.

「That's why people who get tired and drink too much appear often. Items and medicine sell really well.」

「You've got a head for business don't you...」

「Ahaha, I'm not worthy of that much praise....」

Anne smiled wryly while scratching her cheek.

Was there a problem?

「Well, when I took some of the high level scrolls and potions out with me, I thought that people would buy them in the heat of the moment while they were drunk...but once they heard the price they sobered up.」

Oioi, you've certainly got an interesting method of conducting

business don't you?

「Once they heard the prices between 20,000 and 100,000 gold they all jumped up with their eyes wide open~」

Ramiyuros said as she continued drinking. She sounded like she was having fun.

「That's right. Even if they're dead drunk they've got a tight hold on their purse strings. I obtained my primary objective which was to sell elementary potions to the drunk people but...」

「Anee's goods are all good quality after all.」

「I thought that even if top quality was impossible, I could sell advanced or high quality potions...but it seems a bit harder than I thought.」

Anne dropped her shoulders a bit.

It seems there was quite a bit to being a successful merchant.

But this was a good opportunity.

「Anne, how many unsold things do you have?」

「Eh?」

「Preferably I'd like them to be small but expensive. Like top class potions or the like?」

I asked and Anne started checking her bag.

「Umm, I have 4 top class potions that can heal by sprinkling on injuries, and a 「Purification」 scroll that can drive out all manner of bad things. The potions are 20,000 and the scroll is 100,000. This and this.」

She said and took out a bottle and scroll and I nodded.

「Ok then. Gimme all of it.」

「Umm.....all...of it?」

「Yep. All of it.」

I said and Anne's mouth flapped open and closed before she let loose a torrent of words.

「Th-that's quite a huge cost....it-it'll be around 180,000 gold....」

「No that's fine. Take all of this.」

I pulled out one bag after another of gold from behind the

counter.

「Hyaa, Wh-where did you get all this?」

「Umm, here and there.....」

It was just the right amount. I'd earned it from the sales today.

「Each bag should have 30,000 in it so this should be 180,000 exactly. This is fine right?」

「Uh-ummm....I-I have certainly received the right amount. Umm, thank you for your continued patronage! Daichi-sama has truly aided me!」

She said bewildered as she bowed...I patted my hand on her shoulder.

「Don't mind it. In fact I'm the grateful one.」

「?」

And so I exchanged my earnings for goods.

Potions and scrolls are certainly easier to manage than large heavy bags.

I'm quite happy with this.

Chapter 110: Lively Participant

It was close to nighttime and was about time for me to close up shop.

The wolf people and dragons had come again to purchase more and the Knight Captain brought a young person to order some so I had sold quite a bit.

....actually I might've sold too much. Weren't they all just overbuying....?

The large amount of juice I'd prepared had all disappeared.

Truthfully I was grateful for the business and was quite pleased but...

「What am I supposed to do with all these coins?」

I turned around and looked at the small room filled with bags of coins.

This is quite troubling. (The problem is less that he has money and more that it is all in coins I think...)

「For it to fill an entire one of these small rooms I made.....」

In a certain sense it was fortunate that I'd chosen to expand the

store.

Now I just needed something to spend this money on.

.....what should I use it on?

Should I buy some nice things from Anne once again?

As I thought that I started closing up shop when,

「Oi, Boss~. We're done with work so we brought some booze~」

The Shining Head guys had arrived carrying alcohol.

Another big group...

「If you've got time, come drink with us. We said we'd treat you but we haven't gotten the chance to yet!」

「I see. Then this is a good opportunity.」

I'm not much into these kind of lively scenes...but it's a festival.

.....you've got to live a little.

But still, with this amount of people we couldn't go inside so we

set down a sheet in front of the counter and began our little party.

I had looked around and seen other stores doing similar things so it should be fine.

And just like that the food and alcohol that they'd brought were all lined up.

And just as we were about to begin the party...

「Oh Benefactor~ it's been a while~!」

More people arrived.

It was the combat rabbits from the shop.

Though it may be a festival...they were wearing some pretty 'dangerous' clothing.

「We heard that you'd set up a shop around here from the wolf people.」

「Yeah, but the shop is closed for today and we were about to start drinking.」

I said and their eyes began sparkling.

「Is that so? ...then do you have any servers? That is our field of experience. Our Benefactor hasn't received any benefits so we'd be honored to serve in this capacity.」

The combat rabbits appealed with their bodies and risky clothing.

Well, since they're professionals in the service industry I can leave it to them.

The shining head guys were ogling them, but I don't think there would be a problem.

「Then I'll leave it to you. But keep it within the bounds of public morals alright?」

「I understand. Everyone raise your glasses to our Benefactor.」

「Yaaay~!」

So the combat rabbits sat down on the sheet and offered me and the adventurers drinks.

The men seemed to be happy...for various reasons and the women seemed to enjoy the talk as well.

It was the right decision to ask them to do this, I thought and...

「B-boss.....」

The lewd look on Ash's face was mixed with surprise as he looked at me.

That's a very skillful use of your facial muscles but what is it?

「U-Umm, Boss Daichi...are you the manager of that store!？」

「Hmm...rather than manager...I'd say a concerned party.」

「Seriously!? B-boss is really incredible. I really glad that I took you as Boss!」

I don't need this kind of strange respect...what do you think I'm doing with them?

Well anyways...the second day of the festival ended like that.

The start of my real involvement in the festivities.

Chapter 111: Rabbit Liquor

The Combat Rabbit Leader sat down in front of me with a bottle of sake.



「Here you are Benefactor-sama. This is high-quality that we at the store are proud of.」

「Oh thanks.....it's pretty strong huh...」

I tasted the drink she'd handed me and it gave a burning and tingling sensation but...

「It's good.」

I said and the rabbit leader seemed surprised.

「Benefactor...you're not drunk?」

「I just took a drink though?」

There's no way you'd get drunk off of a single drink.

「Well...even so this 「Rabbit Sake」 has quite a lot of magic in it, a single mouthful may induce magic intoxication...despite that Benefactor isn't even tipsy...you may have magic power on a completely different level than us...but it's still amazing.....」

She looks at me in wonder...but honestly I've barely had any yet.

I've also eaten quite a bit.

「But wait, you're plying us with strong alcohol?」

The drunk people will increase with this.

I looked and saw a portion of the shining head group out cold.

「What are you intending to do...drinking people under the table like this?」

「Well...it's to see what we can make them do while drun—
....please don't look at me like that! It was a joke! A joke!」

I definitely don't want something like that happening in front of my store. It'd cause all sorts of problems.

「I-I'm sorry. It's just that this 「Rabbit Sake」 is precious to us so we wanted you to have a taste. Usually we'd water it down, however the taste is much better if we don't do that....」

The combat rabbit giggled and stuck out her tongue.

Well it does make me happy that they brought out such a precious thing for me to drink.

「Hmmm.....I've got it. We just need something to water it down right?」

With how it tastes, juice would be the perfect thing to cut it with.

Let's give it a try.

「Golem, go get some apple juice.」

I ordered and it handed me some juice from across the counter. Then I grabbed my cup of liquor and mixed it...

「Mmm, it's really delicious.」

「Benefactor....? What is that drink? I can sense incredible magic power overflowing from it...」

So combat rabbits are the type that can see magic too huh? Then this makes explaining easier.

「It's juice made from the apples grown on my property. Apparently they have quite a bit of magic and I thought it'd be good for mixing with this sake.」

「Ah...well...ummm quite a bit you say...I think it's way too much for that descriptor....?」

That so? I thought we'd modified it so normal people could drink...I thought it was alright but there seems to be more than I thought. Well, even so, it's much better than it had been

undiluted...

「U-Ummm, Benefactor...could we partake of this as well?」

The combat rabbit said looking at me with sparkling eyes.

「Hm? Oh, sure.」

「Thank you very much!Fuwaa! This has an amazing taste and magical density.....」

After a single drink her eyes seemed to melt. Her rabbit ears also seemed to lose their strength. Combining the two together seems to have made her get drunk faster.

I was interested to see where this would go when the shining head guys came over as well.

「Boss, can...can I have some too ssu?」

「Yeah have some~」

「Thanks!....This is amazing! What is it!?!」

I mixed juice with my liquor and these shining head guys are looking at it in amazement.

「I've drank a lot of high quality sake! But this taste...it's the first time I've felt that it transcends liquor on its own!」

「Well...I'm glad.」

Ash and the rest were drinking it like water.

It seems that they really like it.

I still have quite a bit of apple juice left over so I think it'll last for this party tonight.

As I thought that I gazed at the people around me.

—then an hour later,

「Yup...that's what I thought would happen.....」

Everyone except me was blackout drunk...they were unconscious.

Chapter 112: Spirit

A short while after everyone except for me had passed out, the store's door opened and Sakura walked out.

「Ara~, I was just coming out to bring some water to help them sober up...but it seems I was too late. Everyone except for Master is out cold.」

「That's how it seems...」

I took a cup of water from Sakura and took a drink while looking around.

They all seemed to be sleeping quite pleasantly.

After drinking such strong liquor it was obvious that this would be the outcome.

「What should we do with all of them?」

「Well...it's pretty warm tonight so I think we can probably leave them.」

They seem durable enough not to catch a cold.

However, they'd be blocking the road so I should move them to the side.

I started pulling on the sheet that we'd all been sitting on when...

「N...Hm?who's this light blue little girl?」

I hadn't noticed but the semi-transparent light blue creature had mixed with our group.

It was small with a human shape and it was hiding behind one of the big adventurers.

「Su~pi, su~pi」

Then it began to sleep comfortably just like the surrounding people.

.....Umm...this is.....

I saw a bottle of apple juice alcohol next to it...maybe it had been drinking with us.

I looked more closely and it had a strange blush to its complexion. I think it might've gotten itself dead drunk.

But...this appearance....this size...the transparency...

「This is a spirit?」

「Most likely.」

「...it got drunk...is it alright?」

「I think it's fine. It's a festival after all.」

Well...spirits are living things as well so it should be able to drink and get drunk I suppose.

And so now it is sleeping peacefully in the middle of town with a snot bubble coming from its nose.

「.....For now it's sleeping peacefully...but I think we should gently capture it so it doesn't cause trouble later.」

「Alright.」

I wrapped it up in wooden restraints.

There weren't any gaps, but the restraints were quite loose so it shouldn't disturb its rest.

As we wrapped the sleeping spirit up...

「n? Another, spirit came?」

Hesty, who'd been resting, came outside.

「Oh Hesty, did you have a good rest?」

「I rested, enough. Thanks to that, I felt water type, magic from, inside.」

She said as she looked at the light blue spirit that we were still wrapping up.

「Water type magic you mean....」

「n, that's right....this is the, water spirit. One of the, Four Spirits.」

Uwaaaa...seriously?

「Su~pi」

This drunk sleeping spirit that I was wrapping up was one of the spirits meant to protect this nation?

「I didn't think that this drunk was such an amazing spirit.」

「No, it's drunk because of your, magic power. The water spirit, may love sake, but normal sake, won't get it drunk....it seems very drunk on magic power, so it looks like it, drank quite a lot.」

「Is that so?」

I didn't know much about this kind of stuff. I hadn't noticed when it started drinking.

「n? It was drinking with you?」

「Well...probably. I think it was hiding among them.」

I can understand it since everyone was pretty drunk.

「If that's the case then.....you're better at drinking than, a spirit. The water spirit, likes to have, drinking competitions, so I think that, it tried to keep up with you.」

「Wait, I didn't even realize it was trying to keep up with me. I just kept drinking at my own pace.」

I was going at my own pace so I wasn't really that inebriated even now.

「n, but, you're magic power probably overpowered the spirit. You probably, established a half, master-servant contract you know?」

「I had no idea.」

But if it considered the drinking competition as a legitimate match then I could see it.

「Well anyways, I'll wake myself up a bit, by running over to tell, Dianeia.」

「O-ok. Then I'll leave it to you Hesty.」

We had been having a party but ended up catching the water spirit.

Chapter 112.5: —Side Prussia— Confusion And The Future

On the evening of the second day, Dianeia received a report from Hesty that Daichi had captured the water spirit.

When she heard that, she was quite surprised, but she still reported it to Athena and Karen.

「Isn't this a little too fast!？」

She leapt out of her seat showing more surprise than anyone.

「W-wow, to surprise Karen this much...Daichi-oniisan is amazing.」

Athena was dumbfounded, catching the spirits at this kind of speed was inhuman.

It was too far out of their expectations that you couldn't be anything except astonished Dianeia thought.

「Yeah, it's no wonder you lose your head like this. He surpasses your imagination by that much after all.」

「....even so, you're quite calm Dianeia....」

「Eh? Well, even so I am surprised too you know?」

But after knowing how amazing he is...she had gotten a little used to it and the emotion ran more towards admiration now.

「Yep, as expected of Daichi-dono. He got them under control right quick.」

「Su~ha Su~ha.....that's right. I never expected to catch a spirit every day. This is going well beyond expectations.」

Karen calmed herself with a few deep breathes and slowly nodded.

「Truly...I thought it'd take a month for one or two of them...but for it to only take two days to catch two of them...」

「Yes indeed. This situation is absolutely unexpected.」

Dianeia felt a little nostalgic looking at them...she felt as if she was looking at herself from a few months ago.

「Anyways, we need to visit the shop once again tomorrow.」

「You seem happy Onee-sama.」

Hearing her little sister say that, Dianeia realized that her face

had loosened up.

No good no good...this is an official visit for official business, she thought and fixed her expression.

「Tomorrow is the last day of the festival, but how are you going to move?」

「Ummm...after going to Daichi-oniisan's place, we'll look for the wind and earth spirits on the edge of town.」

「The edge of town?」

「Un, it has a large plain. It's a good place for both spirits. We went around today with that purpose in mind.」

Oh, so that was why they had gone around the town so early in the morning.

「We also looked down from the tallest tower and found some points that the spirits are likely to gather at so we will be going there tomorrow. Dianeia, what are your plans?」

「After guiding guests I will be making arrangements for the fireworks.」

At the end of the festival, fireworks would be fired off from the tallest tower of the castle.

This was a yearly tradition and would take some time to set up but...

「Anyways, even so I should have some time in the evening, is there anything I can do to help?」

She asked and Athena thought for a bit.

「No, it's alright. We have our plans set.」

「Is that so? Then good, I'll be standing by here in the castle so just tell me if anything comes up.」

「Un, Ok Onee-sama.」

Athena nodded slightly.

Their eyes were filled with determination.

「...we have Daichi's help so we're collecting them with unbelievable speed...I'd like to collect another by tomorrow. Any further and the collected power might be too much...」

Karen said while looking at the pendant between her breasts.

The coloration was even deeper black than before.

「This is...certainly a bad situation...」

「Yes, maybe it's because of the people gathered or the magical concentration being thick...the spirits are growing more powerful faster than we'd anticipated. At this rate it will be difficult to make them submit.」

「I see.」

Since the Dragon King Karen had said so...they must be getting very strong.

「Both of you be careful. Don't get into any accidents or become injured. I'll do all I can to help as well.」

「Un, thank you for worrying Onee-sama. Karen and I will work hard!」

「Yes we will Princess Athena.」

And so the second night continued.

Chapter 113: Under The Floorboards

I went to bed early that night...maybe because I'd been drinking.

That being the case I was able to wake up earlier than usual and stock up on juice.

I thought I'd used up a lot of juice yesterday, but it seems like I had more left than I thought...there was almost 1,000 portions left over.

....I might as well just use it up today.

As I was thinking to myself...

「Good morning Daichi-oniisan~」

Athena and Karen arrived.

They were here earlier than yesterday, but I'd woken up early so it wasn't a problem.

I let them inside when,

「Sorry to keep bothering you like this. First of all, please take the reward money from yesterday.」

I hadn't said anything when Karen took out a leather bag and gave it to me.

Inside the bag wasn't money...but instead various gems and stones.

「These are.....?」

「Jewels with magic inside of them.....a kind of magic stone. We found some in the process of searching for the spirits. This can be converted into money easily...but for now this is our crude apology.」

「Ah...no it's alright.」

I wasn't aiming for the reward in the first place.

However, once again I'll accept what I'm offered.

「So, Karen and Athena you came for the water spirit as well right?」

「Yes. I'm glad you're quick on the uptake. Where would it be?」

「It's in the kitchen sink.」

I said and looked in the kitchen.

「Sui~」

The water spirit was half assimilated with the faucet attached to the sink.

Once the spirit woke up it had taken up residence there.

Once that happened the faucet still let out water, in fact the water was extremely clean, it was as if we had a water purification system.

「Th-the water spirit voluntarily served you and did such a thing....Daichi's power has truly subdued it...」

「Is that how it is?」

「Uhh, well yes. The water spirit is almost as whimsical as the wind spirit...it's quite uninhibited..」

I could understand what she meant by uninhibited.

It could naturally blend itself in with people partying and drinking.

「B-be that as it may, it should return to the pendant..」

「Go ahead and do as you will.」

「Th-thank you very much. We just need to approach a bit and...」

Karen approached the faucet and took out the pendant from her chest. The water spirit looked at the pendant and seemed to close its eyes in thought for a while then...

「Sui~」

It changed its body into water and split.

Then half of it was sucked into the pendant.

「Once again a spirit has split itself here Daichi.」

「So it seems...」

Well, as long as it isn't on the loose then it should be fine.

What bothers me more is...

「That pendant took in the fire spirit yesterday and the water spirit today right?」

「Uhh, yes. This pendant was made to collect all the powers as one. It can contain all four spirits.」

I see...it seems quite convenient.

「Since it is made to have all of them together it is dangerous when even one escapes. It's also difficult to collect them all again....but thanks to Daichi it's been much faster.」

「Un, thank you very much Daichi-oniisan.」

The two of them thanked me, but I didn't come to the festival just to be given the job of collecting spirits...but whatever, it's fine.

「So is that all for today?」

「Ah, yes. All that's left is to find the Earth Spirit and Wind Spirit.」

「I see. Do your best. I'll be selling juice here, so if you feel like it come have some.」

「Un, I understand Daichi-oniisa.....eh?」

In the middle of her sentence Athena stopped and looked at me with wide eyes.

「What's wrong?」

「U-ummm...Daichi-oniisan what is that on your leg?」

「My leg....?」

I looked down and spotted a light brown semi-transparent creature holding onto my ankle.

I remembered seeing it before.

It was the spirit I'd captured under my house then released.

「Did it follow me here?」

「.....Sha~」

As I watched it, it slipped under the floor and assimilated.

I see...so that's why I hadn't noticed it.

Once they blend in it's hard to see them, that's a bit troublesome but anyways...

...semi-transparent...light brown?

It looks just like the other spirits...and judging by Athena and Karen's reactions...

It's probably what I think...

「Umm, Athena? You know this one don't you?」

「Y-yes! Th-that's the Earth Spirit after all!」

「Yep...I thought so.」

It seems like I've caught the Earth Spirit unexpectedly as well.

Chapter 114: Grown Up Spirit's Power

The earth spirit stood up from my floor as if surfacing from water.

And,

「Kisha~」

It hugged my leg tightly.

As Athena watched this spectacle, she looked stunned.

「U-ummm, Daichi-oniisan? How did you get the spirit to obey you like this?」

「How?I don't remember doing anything specific...It attacked me near my home so I suppressed it.」

From there it followed me on its own.

「I-is that so? B-but I clearly feel it has magic power on another level than the other four spirits.....」

「K-Karen you feel it too? Th-this earth spirit grew up way too much.」

Athena and Karen said after observing the earth spirit.

Even if you say it's grown, I wouldn't know since I hadn't seen it before it'd grown....

「Well...are you going to take this guy?」

「Ah, yes. We'll store it inside the pendant once more.....」

Karen said and approached with the pendant, but the moment the spirit saw that...

「Sha~~.....!」

The earth spirit's attitude changed. It seemed wary as it slapped Karen's hand away and escaped.

「Muu, it grew so much that it's temperament turned wild again. It seems it doesn't want anyone except Daichi who it acknowledges.」

「So that can happen too...」

As Karen said the earth spirit became snappy and it's form became dangerous.

「However, we can't back down either. Sorry earth spirit, but

we'll have to do this with power.....」

Athena slowly approached. As she got closer and closer it became even snappier.

Furthermore, the spirit was fused with my floor. As it got more agitated, the floor began to splinter and warp...this is way overboard.

「Oi. I'm just gonna tell you, you'd better not pick a fight in my store and break things!？」

I strongly cautioned them just in case. At that moment,

「Shi, Sha~!？」

「Hi, Hiyai!」

The spirit suddenly released it's spiky form and Athena fell to her knees.

The strange battlefield atmosphere dispelled but...

「Um, Athena? What's wrong?」

I didn't think she'd fall to the floor from me calling out...

「U,un, somehow it seems that I was just crushed to the floor by Daichi-oniisan's magic waves. I-I just let my guard down, I'm fine...I-isn't that right Karen?」

「I.....I'm fine.」

Now that I looked, Karen looked cautious...as she clung onto the wall.

It's been a while...but now that I think about it, when I yell my magic sort of bursts out...

It's been some time since I've had to shout...

「Well, it's alright. The spirit has been calmed so Karen hurry and capture it.」

「Y-yes!」

Karen took out the pendant and once again approached the spirit.

This time the earth spirit didn't act hostile, it just split its body and waited.

Then it was sucked into the pendant.....but...

「.....somehow...it seems like the fire and water splits were a lot

less than the earth's.....」

The clone that the earth spirit made was larger than half of its body.

In fact it made me wonder if it wasn't leaving behind its true body here.

「Is this...alright?」

「Ummm...it should be. Actually the Earth Spirit's power is too much and it can't enter the pendant. So it should be separating a large part of its power to leave here.」

So it was possible for it to be too strong to enter.

I looked at the earth spirit and it seemed to nod in agreement to what she said.

「That pendant has a maximum capacity for earth?」

「Yes, in fact it should be quite a lot. It's just because this earth spirit grew way too much. I think it took in a lot of magic power from some location.....」

It's probably the influence of our basement.

It may have matured excessively down there.

「So there's no issue with the pendant's performance right?」

「There is no problem. Thanks to the spirit obeying you, we could get this done without disaster. It suppressed its powers.」

「Sha~」

The earth spirit nodded its head and waved its hand when it heard what Karen said.

It seems like it can unexpectedly understand language well.

「That aside, we are very thankful once again. Thanks to you, we have been able to gather the spirits at breakneck speed.」

「Well, it was mostly coincidence.」

「Hmmm, even so, thanks to Daichi-oniisan's good fortune... words of thanks aren't enough.....later I'll do my best to find a way to thank you, just wait for it.」

She said and they both left the shop.

They're quite busy early in the morning huh? Well it was a good wake up call.

「Alright, let's start the preparations for the last day.」

It's already the third day so we might as well enjoy it.

Chapter 115: Dragon King Promise And Gathering Power

After I finished lunch, I stepped out of the shop and noticed Hesty doing the same.

「Huh? Hesty are you going out too?」

「n.....I didn't want, to. But tonight, I will be going around, with Anne...I promised after all.」

Hesty said with a face that looked like she was digging her own grave.

If you didn't want to so much, why did you promise?

「In exchange for looking after Ramiyuros, she asked to, go around the festival, on the last day.」

「Ahh, so that's why Anne was with Ramiyuros yesterday.」

I didn't know how they ended up staying together...so it was an exchange.

「I see. So that's why Anne is on standby at that street corner.」

「.....eh?」

Hesty's eyes snapped open...it seems like she hadn't noticed.

Anne was hiding in an alleyway across the street from my shop.

「Aneue-sama Aneue-sama Aneue-sama Aneue-sama Aneue-sama
.....!!」

She was murmuring as her eyes glittered. She had an ominous aura around her.

Hesty carefully avoided looking at Anne as she turned towards me.

「It seems like, I'm having trouble, sensing things, due to your power. Also...somehow, I'm sorry for causing, such a strange person, to hang around.」

「No, you don't need to apologize.」

The strange person is clearly focused on you Hesty, so you don't have to apologize.

However, that alleyway is filled with a roiling aura that keeps everyone away.

「.....for now I should, apologize to the merchant across, the way then we can go....」

Hesty nodded with a resigned expression.

Somehow she seems world weary...

「Ah, also, before we go out, there's one thing.」

「Hm?」

She turned to me and touched my hand.

「What's wrong?」

「As I thought, your coating, is decreasing/loosening, so we might need to be careful.」

「Loosening? What do you mean?」

Ever since I came to town, I've been applying my coating. Maybe there's a time limit for this kind of thing?

「n, it's a bit, different. Up till now, you've been coating, and damming up your, magic power. So it has been, building up, in your body. So right now, you are in a state of, releasing more power, than usual.」

Huh, so coating has that kind of effect?

「No.....normally the amount of magic, gathered would be minor. It's because your scale, is different. Once you release it, something incredible might happen.」

「Ohh.....maybe this was the cause of that magic wave I made when I scolded them earlier?」

I only spoke slightly louder than usual and some kind of pressure exploded out.

「That, might be the case. So I think that, carefully using up some of, your magic, would be good.」

「Ohh, I see. Thank you for your advice.」

I'm really grateful for this kind of advance warning.

Now that I know, I can use magic to make some golems to release some of this.

「Ok then, I'll, be off.....to hell.」

「Y-yeah....do your best~」

Hesty walked over to where Anne was. Then, Anne grabbed Hesty and swept her away like a tornado.

.....un, well...different strokes for different folks.

There may be various problems that pop up, but it's good to have fun.

Maybe I should close up the shop early and go out with Sakura.

As I thought that I opened business for the third day.

Chapter 115.5: —Side Dianeia— Progress Report

3 P.M. 3rd day of the festival.

Dianeia was dealing with paperwork in her office. Then,

「The setting for the greeting will be....all right, that should be good. Knight Captain, check it please.」

「Ha, understood.」

She had finally finished all the paperwork she needed to do.

All that she needed was the Knight Captain to check it and she would be officially finished.

Her last job would be greeting guests at the party tonight and dealing with any issues that popped up.

「There's a tiny bit left but I can finally take a break.」

「Good work Dianeia-sama.」

Dianeia leaned back in her chair and stretched her arms and back.

She could hear the sounds of the lively celebration from outside her window.

「Thanks to Daichi-dono's power things should end safely. Thank goodness.」

「That's right. Even the soldiers patrolling town haven't reported an increase in problems.」

When they'd heard the spirits escaped and might rampage through town, they'd nearly fainted.

But thanks to Daichi making his move, the lively town was protected.

「.....normally there would be some monsters that come to make trouble, but this year it seems like they aren't coming.」

「Well, that's obvious. Right now there are several beings with incredible magical powers. A monster would have to be stupid or confident to cause trouble.」

The Dragon Kings and Daichi had become almost like a repellent.

.....and that was even with the coating magic on...how surprising....

Be that as it may, it is a good thing.

「If things go as they have been, Karen and Athena will be able to complete their objective on the final day. That would be nice if they could.」

「Yes indeed, if we had to pull any more all-nighters then we might collapse ourselves.」

Hahaha, the Knight Captain laughed with dark circles under his eyes.

He seemed really worn out, but he was still moving because...

「If we didn't have Daichi-dono's Apple Potion, then our bodies might have already gotten run down.」

「That's right. Just by drinking that, our sleep deprived dizziness was blown away. Just a drink of that and a few minutes rest and your tiredness is gone. It's very popular amongst our subordinates.」

「Haha, for real. We're indebted to him for a great many things.」

She needed to find somehow, some way to repay this debt.

Dianeia thought as she looked out on the town.

「Knight Captain, Princess, Please excuse me! There's a report

from the soldiers in town!」

A messenger arrived at the door.

It seems like their wish for nothing to happen would not come true.

.....well, originally it was just an unrealistic wish.

Dianeia asked the messenger while completely unfazed.

「What happened?」

「We have confirmed a tornado has formed on the outside of town.」

「A tornado?」

「Yes, and it has a lot of magic power within it. It is heading for town.」

Wind filled with magic power...that was quite uncommon.

So it wasn't normal weather.

But, right now there should only be one suspect.

「It's very likely that it is the wind spirit huh?」

「That's right. The silver lining is that it did this outside of town.....」

If they left it alone and it came to town, it would spread destruction.

「Send an urgent message to Athena and Karen. Also inform the soldiers on the outskirts of town. Please hurry.」

「Ha! Roger that!」

The messenger set off running.

「For the wind spirit to appear now...it seems Karen and Athena will be able to complete their objective.」

The Knight Captain nodded.

「That's right. With this they'll be able to complete their mission...I'd like it to go smoothly.」

However, that was merely her wish.

It'd be best if she was prepared to move at any time if things went

badly. She would go help them.

.....if it was impossible then maybe they could go to Daichidono's place...

「Ok then. For now let me completely finish my duties. Have you checked the papers Knight Captain?」

「Yes, it's done.」

「Ok then. Let's move.」

Dianeia stood up from her desk and moved out. She went to finish her duties and get herself some free time.

Chapter 116: Enhanced Manufacturing

Afternoon, I'd left the store to the golems and was inside the living space.

Since then I'd modified them a lot. They were able to hand out the products by themselves and accept payment as well. I think that leaving them alone will be alright.

.....after all, the people who come to buy from me are the wolf people and the combat rabbits.

In fact, today they'd already come once to purchase juice.

Well, when they come again the golems should be able to handle it.

「Leaving that aside, it's our turn to do stuff right Sakura?」

「Yes Master. Here you go, these are the apples and magic stones that we have left.」

Sakura said and brought them.

「Thank you Sakura. Hesty encouraged me to make more things, so now I think I'll take the opportunity.」

「I'll help you~」

Though I say that the small golems, armor, and improved pestle/mallet I'd made were all really simple.

「We'll do it normally...anyways, let's go outside.」

「Ok desu! Today is the day of the wind, so the town launches fireworks using wind power...or so Dianeia said.」

「Huh, today's program is flashy.」

It's the last day, so it's probably like a grand finale.

「Then we'll close the shop up early after we go out and then come back here to watch the fireworks. There aren't too many people around here after all.」

「Fufu, that's right. It's tiring to try and watch them from a really crowded place.」

If we weren't able to see them from the shop...then maybe it might be good to return home.

From my still growing house, I should be able to watch the fireworks from the top floor in comfort.

「Haa...how should I put it...I've been here for three days and I'm kind of missing home.」

「Fufu, hearing you say that makes me very happy.」

Sakura said as she snuggled close to me.

We'd...done it a lot at home, but for some reason it was hard to get into the mood here at the store.

I thought distractedly as I started to grow one of the apples when,

「Ah...Master? The tree has gotten really big...is that alright?」

「Eh?」

I looked and saw that the tree was now tall enough to go through our roof.

「Woah seriously?The fine tuning is more difficult than usual.」

「Just like Hesty-chan said...Master is in a state of enhanced magic power.」

「It looks like it...」

I tried to normally make a wood armor arm...but it also turned out gigantic.

I put in the normal amount of power, but everything turned out much bigger than intended.

This would be a bit troublesome until I got used to it but...

「This will help disperse some of the magic power right?」

「Yes. It's caused by an abnormal buildup of magic after all. All of these things were merely strengthened from the concentration of it.」

「Then it's fine.」

If I made some big wood armors and golems then it should go back to normal eventually.

Even if I made them, then I could make a basement storage for them at the store.

「Hmm, at this point should I also do some more remodeling on this place.」

Around the shop was some bundled up lumber from my apple trees, so I should be able to use those.

I might need to make another magic stone mallet.

.....I thought and realized that this enhanced state might be useful.

This might be some good experience.

I thought and went to pick up one of the apples when...

「Woah!」

A sudden gust of wind blew through the window and sent the apple rolling across the floor.

「The wind today is strangely strong...」

I half closed the window and looked at the sky. The sky was beautiful but the clouds were moving at an abnormally fast pace.

「Windy? I hope that the fireworks are able to be shot off safely...」

「Yeah.」

And so I conversed with Sakura as I made a giant wooden armor.

Chapter 116.5: —Side Karen And Athena— Difficulty Capturing Spirits

Karen and Athena were in the plains west of the town.

In this huge wide plain, they were confronting a huge green colored tornado.

The tornado was slowly but surely approaching the town.

「The color matches, but this is the spirit?」

「Yes, this is proof of its magic power. The wind spirit has a light green color. This makes it certain that it is in there.」

「Karen really knows a lot. So, how are we supposed to catch it?」

「Normally we'd counter attack with magic to get the spirit to acknowledge our power but.....」

Karen looked at the giant green tornado.

It was many times larger than them. It was the first time she'd seen a wind spirit grow to this extent.

「At this point, I think you and I need to do a full powered attack to somehow weaken the tornado and in that gap use the pendant to

seal it.」

「I see.....then let's do our best.」

Athena said, and the look in her eyes changed. She went from smiling and happy to completely serious.

「For now, I should just attack with strong magic right?」

「Yes, I will match my attacks with you so please go ahead.」

Athena nodded and took out a wand from her bag.

「I'm not as strong as Onee-sama but.....I am a quasi-Arch mage after all. Let's go with the greatest firepower. Burn and Burst Artillery of Flames —「Fire Cannon」—」

When she finished the chant a large ball of flames appeared at the tip of her wand and flew towards the tornado. Then,

「I will match you. 「Mixed Breath」!」



Karen gathered an ashen colored aura in her mouth and it suddenly blasted forth with shocking speed.

The ashen aura caught up to the ball of flames and coiled around

it, pushing it forward with greater speed and strength.

Then the ball of flames boosted by the gray aura slammed into the green tornado.

「——!？」

The green tornado stopped for a moment and its force weakened.

But, it still did not cease its advance.

「Haaa.....haa.....did it, work？」

Athena's face was colored with fatigue.

She had put a lot of magic power into that fireball so it was no wonder.

.....Truly...this spirit had become very strong.

Karen had also put quite a lot of power in the breath she shot out.

One shot was enough to cause a cold sweat.

However, she was still in a better state than Athena.

「Fuu.....not yet Princess Athena. It worked, but the true form of the spirit hasn't emerged. We need one more shot.」

「D-Daichi-oniisan did this so easily....but yeah...I'll work hard. —
「Fire Cannon」!!」

Once again Karen and Athena combined their attacks.

Ignoring their fatigue they fired off an attack just as powerful as the previous one and it pierced through the tornado. Then,

「Guuuuu.....」

From the center of the tornado the green, semitransparent spirit looked at them aggressively.

It seems as though they'd succeeded in breaking through the defensive tornado.

But in exchange...

「Haa.....haa.....Even with Karen...ku...ah, it's.....quite hard....」

Athena sank to the ground.

She had just used a huge amount of magic power.

「Can you stand?」

「Y-yes, it's been a while since I've had to use this much magic power. Sorry Karen.」

「No please don't worry about it. Normally to capture a spirit you would need quite a lot of military force. Even as a dragon, you couldn't let your guard down.」

「Is that so.....that means that Daichi-oniisan is really amazing huh...」

Athena's words made Karen think back to Daichi.

.....certainly, he was completely outside the norm.

She had heard here and there about the events with the other Dragon Kings and how he was looking after them...just from that you couldn't really believe he was human.

Even gathering spirits...it was thanks to him they could do it this quickly...

....for there to be such a reliable man.....

This time was a delightful surprise.

However, completely pushing everything onto him was simply being spoiled. That was no good.

They should do what they had to do...what they could do, Karen thought.

「Alrighth, at this point it should be weakened enough. Even if by force, let's go seal it.」

「Guuuuu.....」

Karen took out the pendant from her chest and approached the angry looking spirit.

The wind was still whipping around powerfully and she could feel strong power as she wielded the pendant,

「Now, be sealed!」

The spirit's body was taken into the pendant.

「Fuu~.....now we've gathered all of them!」

「Yes, the Four Spirits are complete.」

「I wouldn't have believed that we'd finish while the festival is

still going on.....but thank goodness!」

Athena laughed brightly.

Just as she'd said, they didn't know how many months this would take, but it ended within a few days.

「.....really, we have to thank Daichi.」

「Un, we need to get a lot done once we get back to the First Royal Capital.....when we get back it'll be busy. I also still have special training with Karen too.」

「Fufu, that's right.」

but as they talked...

「.....hm?」

Karen felt her chest getting hotter.

What? She thought and looked down to see the black pendant. A black aura was leaking out of the pendant into her body.

.....the spirits' power is leaking.....?

Furthermore, it wasn't just one of them. The fire, water, earth,

and wind powers were all leaking.

「No, this is....the four spirits going wild! They're trying to enter my body.....!?!」

With her many experiences as a Dragon King, she could understand the spirits' movements.

They were trying to utilize her body and her power to go rampage around.

.....The spirits grew too much and the pendant cannot hold all of it.....

The instant she understood she began coping with it.

「Princess Athena. Bad news.」

「Eh?」

Karen calmly showed what was happening to the confused Athena.

Athena's eyes flashed with shock at the distorted appearance of the pendant.

「U-ummm....what's happening?」

「Right now the four spirits are mixing their power and going berserk with their power leaking. This is power that would normally be used to protect the country.」

This was the original way of using the Royal Family's pendant.

However, it had begun the process on its own.

This power, if activated here, would instead harm the people of Prussia.

「Right now, I am sealing the energy within my body. So for now the power has not run wild. In the meantime, please go to the town and inform Dianeia.....to evacuate the citizens, call the people who can fight against the spirits.....and call the other Dragon Kings.....」

The spirits' power continued to pour into her body.

She was resisting, but she felt as if her ability to think and consciousness was slowly being eroded.

「K-Karen.....」

「Princess Athena...you need to go.....—Hurry!」

「I got it! {Emergency Teleport}!」

Athena nodded and immediately disappeared.

Then, the woman who was left alone in the middle of the plains fell to her knees.

「Now...how long can I last against the power of all four of them.....」

She thought of herself as strong even among the Dragon Kings.

However, when pitted against the power of all four of them working together...she couldn't put up much opposition.

Once she realized that, she did what she could.

「Well, until the other Dragon Kings come.....I have to.....try and shave off their power.....as much as possible.....」

And so Karen collapsed on the ground...and lost consciousness.

Chapter 117: Advancing Power

I stood in front of my store looking at the things I'd produced.

「.....this armor...isn't it a bit too gigantic...」

「Th-that's right. Master's magic power seems to have been stronger than expected.....」

It was a huge wood armor with a magic stone mallet for a right hand.

I had gone into this with the intention of using up my leftover materials but...

...I hadn't expected it to reach 3 stories tall.

It was a much bigger version of {Vajra}.

Maybe I should just call it {Vajra Kai}. However, right now I'm wondering whether or not this will actually move.

「.....well, let's check to see if it works.」

「O-Ok. I'll accompany you.」

Sakura and I entered the armor and were integrated.

Then I tried moving the hands and feet and the pounding mallet installed in the right arm.

「Huh, this is unexpectedly agile.」

Though I couldn't say it was effortless, moving it wasn't especially hard.

It's movements were also unexpectedly precise.

「I believe that is because Master is still in a state of enhanced power.」

I see. Well, as long as it's confirmed that the movements aren't terrible, it's fine.

Even so, since it'd be hard to store, I'd like to compress it more.

.....places where I can use it are also pretty restricted as well.

I had it turn its head from side to side when...

「What's that? Is that a festival float?」

「Amazing! It's huge!!」

Nearby there were some children shouting with glittering eyes.

「.....」

For some reason I moved the arms and legs once more to show off...

「Woah it moves!」

「So cool!」

My spectators were praising it nonstop.

Actually, it didn't look like it was just kids...some adults came by and were looking at it with amazement.

「....why is it so popular?」

「Well, I think that thanks to Master's molding it looks quite cool?」

Certainly I didn't like it when it was fat and clumsy looking...I did take care to model it.

Why is it now garnishing this kind of attention?

.....Well...I don't feel any hostility from them so after I move it

around a bit, I'll hide it inside the store somehow.

When I thought that...

「Hm?」

I felt something pulling at the legs.

I looked down and saw the fire, water, and earth spirits there.

「What? What's wrong?」

They should've been in the shop...when did they get out here?

I looked at them as they pulled at the legs of the armor and,

「Sha~」「Fuu~」「Sui~」

They pointed in a direction and made sounds.

Then they began walking in that direction.

「Umm, it seems they want us to follow them?」

「Huh? Sakura...you can understand what the spirits are saying?」

「Well...I can somewhat understand what they want. We are similar existences.」

That's right, Sakura was a spirit.

Nowadays I'd pretty much forgotten.

「Ahaha, really it's just in general. But what shall we do?」

Let's see. There was still time before the fireworks, so I had free time.

「Well, I'm free so we might as well follow? Since we're checking this thing we might as well go around a bit.」

「Ok, then let's go.」

And so we were led forward by the spirits.

Dianeia was meeting with Hesty in the office.

「What's wrong Hesty-dono? You suddenly came here.」

「n.....somehow I felt, Karen's magic power, warping outside of town. Do you, know anything?」

「Hm? Karen-dono should be capturing the spirit along with Athena.....」

「I see. Just in case I cut short my trip with Anne....is everything, alright, I wonder...」

Hesty murmured when...

「Onee-sama!」

Athena appeared in a flash of light. Then she suddenly hugged Dianeia.

「Athena? Wait, that light was emergency teleport.....?」

It was a magic not to be used except in emergency.

For her to utilize it meant...

「...Athena. Did something happen!?!」

Dianeia judged there was trouble and immediately asked.

Then Athena looked as if she were about to cry and said...

「U-umm, Onee-sama, please...please help...」

「Ok, calm yourself. If you want me to help, tell me what's wrong calmly. Karen should've taught you this in the capital right?」

Athena flinched and took a deep breath.

「K-Karen is...Karen has...she's been taken over by the spirits and is going wild.」

Athena said with a trembling voice trying to force herself to report calmly.

「Wild? What's the situation?」

「Th-the four spirits combined into one and started going wild. At this rate the town will be endangered. So before that we need to fight them and reduce their power.....」

「The four spirits went wild!?!」

As a Princess, Dianeia was fully aware of how powerful the spirits were.

They had enough power combined to place a barrier around several large towns/cities.

If that power was changed into an attack, it was powerful enough to level a city.

「n, this is, a pretty bad, situation.....」

Hesty said and frowned.

「A Dragon King, can suppress the power of the four, spirits. That's why I'd felt, Karen's magic power, warping and swelling... but, if they all combined....then Karen's power, alone cannot, hold them back, in fact, she will be engulfed.」

Hesty calmly informed them. She'd known Karen for a long time, she was one who should be most clear on this matter.

「If we don't, stop them, the four spirits, will take over her body, and use it to, rampage.....Dianeia, I will return, the favor from some, time ago.」

「Ohhh, thank you Hesty-dono! Let's head out to stop this!」

Dianeia made a snap decision and called for the Knight Captain from the next room.

「Knight Captain. You heard the situation right!?」

「Ha, I'm sorry for eavesdropping!」

「No, I purposefully raised my voice for this so don't worry..... Knight Captain begin the evacuation while I go! If you don't have enough help then call on Anne-dono.」

「Ha!」

Dianeia ordered and put her equipment in order.

「Athena tell me the coordinates.」

「O-ok」

「Hesty-dono hold on to me.」

「Ok」

「Let's go —{Teleport}—」

Dianeia leapt to the plain.

And what she saw there was...

「Grrrrrrrrr.....」

The sight of Karen walking towards town leaking magic power

with not a shred of reason in her eyes.

Chapter 118: The Power Of The Five And The Giant That Arrives

「What is this.....」

Dianeia looked at Karen's unfamiliar state with fear.

It was no surprise with how Karen was walking slowly towards the town with unsteady footsteps. Her body was half enveloped by blackness.

The blackness continued to overflow from the pendant on her chest.

「Karen!」

Athena stepped forward and cried out...but Karen didn't respond. Her consciousness was already gone. Not only that but...

「GUUOOOOOOO...!」



Black magic light began gathering in her mouth.

It was light filled with powerful magic.

「.....Breath!? We need to defend!」

As Dianeia shouted a greyish black light fired from Karen's mouth.

The light filled with magic power produced a huge shockwave as it shot forward.

「Kuu! Multiple Barrier Shield!!」

Dianeia placed her defensive magic in front of them.

Even so, the shockwave from the collision cut and burnt them.

「.....A-are you two ok?」

「I am, fine. Thanks to your, magic barrier.」

Hesty said without a scratch on her.

However, her clothes had been burnt and her expression had turned severe.

「But that, is dangerous. Wind and Fire, Earth and Water, many things are mixing together. If we're not, careful, we'll get hurt badly.」

Hesty said while looking at Athena.

Athena had several wounds on her body which were bleeding.

「Athena, those wounds.....」

「Th-this much is still fine. I-I can still go on.」

Her fighting spirit hadn't weakened with just this much... however, she was a Princess.

An existence that would cause many problems if she died here.

「.....Athena, I'll leave the rear backup to you.」

「Eh.....bu-but?」

「It's an important role. If worst comes to worst, you'll have to use emergency teleport to tell everyone what happened. So please, I'll leave it to you.」

Dianeia said seriously.

「n.....ok.....!」

Athena held in her pain and nodded her head.

All that was left was to continue fighting.

「But...Hesty-dono, how are we supposed to deal with such a state of affairs?」

Dianeia asked while watching the slowly approaching Karen, and Hesty calmly answered.

「This is originally, a condition that only occurs, in lower rank dragons, where spirits hijack their bodies. Right now, Karen's body has been taken over, by the spirits, who are using it as a vessel to, utilize their powers. To deal with it, we need to shave away the magic power, and cause the berserk power, to dissipate.」

「I see.」

「.....for that, we need to, weaken Karen, and remove the pendant from her, causing the spirits to split from her. That would be ideal, if it's possible....」

Hesty said with a grim light shining in her eyes.

「If it's possible.....?」

「Karen is the 「Superior」 Dragon King. All of her, base abilities are very, high. So, if we don't weaken her, severely, I don't think we'll be able to split, the spirits away.」

Certainly she could feel monstrous power from the ominous form of the Dragon King in front of her.

She was honestly frightened when she was told to face her and make her 'vent' her power. However,

..... 'He' was even stronger.

That's why Dianeia could still stand here firmly.

「If she continues like this then the town will be endangered, we have to fight.....!」

「Guuuu.....Ah!!!」

Perhaps sensing Dianeia's will to fight, Karen began running towards her.

Her body was completely enveloped in magic with each step crushing the ground beneath her. She dashed with incredible speed...but,

「I will, help you too. This power, is dangerous....so I will stop her as a fellow Dragon King.....!」

And using her body, Hesty stopped her.

Blood flew out of her body and arms, but even so, she had stopped her. In addition...

「Let's fire, together.....!」

「Yeah! —Burn and Pierce, The Great Spear of the Flame King! 「Prominence Charge」—!!!」

Hesty gathered white flames within her mouth and fired.

From behind her Dianeia's burning spear enveloped them.

「Guuuuuu...!？」

The two Dragon Kings were burnt by the heat.

Of the two, Karen took the majority of the blow and was sent flying meters away.

But, they couldn't stop yet.

「Not yet!! —「Prominence Charge」—!」

The scorching spear once again flew out.

It hit Karen's stumbling body and exploded.

「O-Onee-sama a-amazing. With the Dragon King Karen as your opponent...to be able to fight like that. You're much stronger than before.....」

「Haha....I trained a lot so of course I'm a bit stronger.」

She could finally understand and see the results of her efforts.

「.....but, she won't fall with just this much...」

「n, that's right.」

「Eh.....?」

From within the flames of the explosion she emerged.....

「Guaaa.....!!」

Her clothes covered with burns, Karen appeared almost completely unharmed.

Her voice seemed filled with displeasure, it seems she was angered.

「Her magic power was shaved off but.....her magical defenses are incredible. Everything was blocked.」

「That is, the power of a Dragon King, mixed with spirits. Doing it with, the will to kill only resulted in a little, damage.」

Hesty spoke calmly but,

.....how were they supposed to deal sufficient damage.....

Even so, they couldn't make the choice not to fight.

They needed to do what they could and weaken their opponent...
as she gazed at Karen,

「Aaaaahhh.....!」

Once more she gathered a dark gray light.

However, this time the size of it was incomparably larger.

The magic power around Karen warped and twisted as the ground shook.

「This power.....this is bad....!」

She yelled and Hesty nodded.

「n, this is, pretty bad. If we don't, block it, it will reach the town.....if we don't put all our power, into intercepting it then even, we will die.」

「Aaahh.....we just have to do it!」

A highly dense and powerful magic power was gathered before them.

However, Hesty and Dianeia were preparing to block it from the front.

「I won't run from something like this! 「Prominence Charge」!」

「White Flame Breath.....!」

The two of them fired their attacks once more. Then,

「GUOOOO.....!!」

Karen released her gray magic.

With incredible power and fierceness the two sides collided.

—BOOM!!—

They exploded against each other and a shockwave exploded out.

The plain was mowed down by the explosive power, but that was it.

Somehow, they'd held out.

「A-amazing Hesty-san and Onee-sama! To block that incredible

attack!」

They heard Athena cheer from behind them.

Since she was safe behind them, the town should be as well.

She thought, thank goodness and relaxed for a second.

At that moment.

「Dianeia, not yet!」

Hesty cried out. She immediately looked and saw...

「Another one!?!」

「GU-O-O-O-O!」

Another gray mass of magic had been charged and Karen fired once more.

「Damn.....White Flame Shock!」

「Multiple Barrier 30 「Triakonta Shield!」!!」

「M-me too! 「Shield!」!!」

It was repelled by the hastily raised defensive magics, but the clash produced a huge shockwave.

「Ga.....!」

A feeling like her entire body had been slammed by a hammer struck Dianeia. The power of it hit her and sent her flying and rolling on the ground.

「Ugu....the recharge...is way too fast.....」

Both Hesty and Athena were sent flying as well before rolling on the ground.

「Athena.....are you ok?」

Athena was bleeding from her head, but it seemed like she was still conscious.

「Y-yeah, I'm ok.....Onee-sama you're bleeding...」

「I can...still stand so I'm ok.」

Dianeia said while wiping away the blood and looked around.

The only ones left standing were her, Hesty, and Karen.

Their side was bleeding and unsteady...honestly they were at a disadvantage. Even so,

「Can you, still do it?」

「Yeah, there's no way we can stop here.」

「Guaaa.....!」

Even now Karen had not stopped moving towards the town.

Behind them were the people they had to protect.

There was no way they could remain on the ground, they stood before Karen once more.

At that moment.

—Boom— —Boom—

A huge sound came from behind them.

And from the huge sounds behind them they felt a huge warm and gentle magic power wrap around them.

「.....this magic power is.....it can't be....」

「.....yes, it is....Hesty-dono....」

Once she felt that power wrap around her, Dianeia lost all the power in her limbs and collapsed to the ground.

Not too long ago she'd been frightened of this power...but now it couldn't be any more reliable an existence for her....it surprised even her but...

「He's....come...」

They turned to look at the source of the enormous but gentle magic power, and saw a huge wooden giant running towards them.

Chapter 119: Four Spirits Vs. Giant Vajra

As I was riding in 「Vajra Kai」 the spirits had me run after them out of town when...

「Something...strange seems to be rampaging.」

A human shape covered in black light stood in front of us.

「That's right. It's mixed unclean magic power. I can also see Dianeia and the others.」

I didn't know about the magic thing...but the three people in front of it were acquainted with me.

The ground was gouged out as they blocked the black light that the figure shot out and were sent flying.

「Are you alright Dianeia, Hesty, and Athena?」

「Yeah, we're ok Daichi-dono. But...I'm sorry. We exposed such a shameful appearance...」

Dianeia said exhausted as she smiled wryly. I approached and she leaned herself against my wooden armor's leg.

She'd taken damage from that light apparently...enough that she couldn't stand but...

「It's not shameful...not at all. You were blocking that light from hitting the town right? I think you've done well.」

I said and carefully used the armor to lift her body and set her to rest behind me. Then,

「Hesty, use this potion and heal you guys' wounds.」

「n, got it.」

Hesty toddled over and I handed her a potion from within the armor.

I looked again at the figure clad in black light. This was once again another acquaintance of mine.

「It's only been a little while since we've seen each other...and yet you've changed so much Karen...can you hear me?」

I faced Karen who'd been dyed black and called out but...

「Grrrrrrrr.....」

She only growled and moaned back.

「Karen's, consciousness is, no longer there. If you can't get rid of,

the four spirits, from her, then you can't speak, to her.」

Hesty said as she poured potions over herself.

「Huh...that black stuff is the four spirits' power?」

「Yes.....that's why I think, the spirit clones, at your feet brought you here. They wanted to, inform you, their Master, that his place of living was, in danger.」

She said and when I looked down at the split off spirits, they were nodding in agreement.

Fumu fumu, the spirits could do things like this...I learned something good, moreover,

「This is the first time I've been able to confirm someone else's magic power with my own eyes I think...」

I stared at the black magic light in front of me.

I wonder if everyone who can see magic power sees things like this.

This is a good experience, but as I was observing her...

「.....Uu.....!」

「Hm?」

With her in the center huge gusts of wind powerful enough to cover the entire prairie gusted about. It was very strong...I think it was strong enough that it had been the cause of the sudden squall in town.

「Could this be the cause of the strange weather in town?」

「Eh.....? W-well, the wind spirit is the cause of this strong wind...and since its taken over Karen she's creating it too.....」

I see, so this was the cause of the bad weather happening on this last day of the festival. Trying to hurt my friends....trying to ruin the town...

「That's...no good.」

and so I stepped forward. Then,

「Guooooooooooooo!!?」

As if to say “Don’t get any closer!” Karen fired gray light.

The ground was torn apart as a shockwave flew forward.

「That' dangerous.....!」

I used the left arm of my armor to create a shield.

In my enhanced state, I had created this armor compacting a great number of trees.

Therefore, even if I widened it, it was incredibly tough as such it completely blocked the shockwave.

.....I had expected a greater shock, but since my armor's weight increased I was able to keep my balance.

Huge size and enormous weight...this much was definitely not going to send me flying.

Big, heavy, yet precise and skillful.

Those were the characteristics of this particular form.

「Well then, putting Karen aside, the four spirits seem to be hostile.」

I lowered my left arm and stepped forward once more.

「Uuu.....!？」

Karen backed away as if she was fearful.

「It seems.....like she is instinctively fearing Master's power.」

「I see. But....they aren't any less hostile.」

Karen lowered her body to the ground on all four of her limbs and faced me. Then,

「GAAA.....!!」

Black steam continuously bled out of her body.

A lot of it leaked out as it became a rotating wind around her.

The wind continued to grow in strength until turning into a huge tornado.

「B-be careful! The spirits have felt, the threat you pose, and are releasing all of their power!」

Hesty shouted from behind.

I see, so this is their full power?

「OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!」

I heard a roar like a wild beast coming from within the tornado.

And seemingly obeying the voice, the tornado began flying towards me.

Well, more precisely, it began flying towards the town behind me I'd say.

.....both the town and my shop would be in trouble if it made it there.

This thing is absolutely detrimental to my daily life...so...

「Anything that jeopardizes my living....will be blown away!!」

I stepped forward once more and swung back my right fist.

At that moment the mallet on my hand was spinning slowly like a drill.

「Sakura I'll leave our legs to you!」

「Ok, I'll take care of it! So...please fight as you please.....!」

「YEAH!」

With Sakura's support our stance and position were firmly set.

Now no matter how I fought I wouldn't get blown away by the approaching tornado.

「OOOOOOOOOOO!」

Still roaring, the tornado approached.

In front of it, I simply pulled back the mallet mounted on my right fist.

....the power of magic stones, the quality and quantity, the user's magic.....

It was something I'd understood when I made 「Skanda」.

Using smaller poorer quality magic stones well...I was able to make a wood armor fly through the sky.

....in that case...how explosive would the power of a mallet made with superior quality compressed magic stones be?

With this concept in mind, the mallet was created to go forth crushing everything with incredible destructive power.

The power to smash through anything...Vajra.

「.....and this model goes even further beyond. The explosive power should be even stronger.」

That's why this weapon's name was already decided long in advance.

「Crush everything! —「Vajra Thunderbolt (Destruction)」—!!!!」

The violently rotating magic stone hammer smashed into the tornado.

At that moment.

「——!？」

The power of this model was truly as I expected.

The shockwave exploded forward from the end of the hammer, splitting the tornado directly in half as it gouged a gigantic hollow in the ground. The shock continued forward after breaking through the tornado and flew towards Karen without slowing...

「OoooOO.....!？」

It smashed into the black aura surrounding Karen, blowing it away with great force.

All that was left was a huge cloud of dust and a deep trench dividing the prairie in half, which attested to the strength of the blow.

Then...

「U.....n.....」

Karen alone collapse onto the broken ground.

Chapter 120: Returning To That Happy Place

Karen awakened a short while after the tornado disappeared.

「Uu.....this is.....」

「Yo, how are you feeling?」

She seemed fatigued, but from her voice it looks like she was back to normal.

「Haa, thank goodness, Karen ——!」

「Princess Athena...and...Dacihi.....? Huh.....what was I....uuu!？」

She placed her hand on her head as she unsteadily stood.

I had healed her using the potions stored in the armor, but it seems she still had a headache.

「Are you ok?」

「Wh-Yes. This is.....simply pain from overusing my magic. After that one blow——wait that one blow.....!? Th-that's right, I remember!」

Halfway through, Karen opened her eyes wide.

She hugged herself while trembling.

「I was, controlled.....I was so afraid...then I felt my survival instincts kick in...part of my consciousness was reawakened then.....what happened during the spirits' rampage!? Is the town safe!？」

As she talked through the mess in her head, Karen asked me.

Maybe prioritizing their friends and other people is a characteristic of Dragon Kings I thought and answered her.

「The town is alright. All the spirits have been captured.....in fact they're holding me....」

I said and looked down. There...

「Fu~」「Sui~」「Sha~」「Guu~」

The Fire, Water, Earth, and Wind Spirits were all clutching onto my legs.

「This is the pendant right? I picked it up over there.」

I handed the pendant back to Karen.

However, the pendant's color was no longer pitch black like before...it was crystal clear...practically transparent.

「It's not broken right?」

「Wa...yes.....amazing, the magic of the rampaging spirits was completely used up....it's amazing that I was able to survive an attack of such power....」

Karen shook as she said that.

I could even see it from here. She was shaking from head to toe. Was she that scared?

「.....well, I thought I adjusted the power appropriately though.....」

「Huh?」

I said and Karen suddenly reacted.

「A-adjusted.....that? Adjusted it so that the spirits' power would be used up....without killing me?」

「Yeah.」

I would feel really bad if someone I knew died like that.

That's why I did my absolute best to adjust the power to only get rid of the tornado.

「But still...there was more power than I thought and you got caught up in it...I'm sorry you got blown away and hurt a bit...」

「N-no, please I don't really mind that but.....I hadn't thought I'd be able to return from this situation alive...for this to be possible.....」

Karen appeared dumbfounded as she turned to look at Hesty who tottered over.

In her hand was the mallet (basically he made a pile bunker) which I had fired out from my armor.

「.....here, look at this. The power, of this magic stone, has only been, half used.」

Hesty said while patting the mallet.

She could tell just by looking at it...amazing.

「n, normally, if the magic stone, has all its power used, the color will change.」

「Is that so?」

「You didn't know that, when you, used it? Could this, be the first, time you've used, it?」

「No, I've done a couple trial runs. It's just that its power is really strong.」

I had tested it at about 60% power in the basement under the store, but it opened a huge hole in the ground.

「.....somehow I feel like the direction was a little off, but I'm glad I was able to use it properly.」

Originally I had made it to make apple juicing easier...it was for cooking, but it was too powerful. I was a bit sad about that, but since it was useful here, then it all turned out well.

「Well, thanks to the trial I was able to control the power. It's about two times the power of Hesty's breath maybe?」

「No no no, I can't output, that much, at once.」

Hesty said while shaking her head, she then came over and touched my hand.

「.....You, did very well in controlling, the power. If you were

unable, to judge your, opponent's power, this result would be, impossible.」

「Woah, I was praised by Hesty-sensei...I'm happy.」

Compared to when I first came to this world I was getting used to things.

I was glad that I was finally able to control things properly. As I was thinking that...

「Daichi.....」

Karen approached unsteadily.

She had her hands against her stomach as she swayed while looking at me.

「Hm? What's up?」

「Daichi...I want to have a match against you someday....!」

Karen said, eyes shining with a feverish glow.

「No...I'm not really into sports...Ok?」

「No, that power. It's been a while since I've been so fired up...!

All day long, locking eyes with each other, facing power with power, magic with magic, I want to have a match....! How wonderful...with a man...that I can't defeat...wonderful...!!!」

She said with a burning gaze.

Honestly it's a bit troubling.

「...Hesty, could you say something to her?」

「You defeated, the very competitive, Karen, it can't be helped. It's something like, what happened with Anne, and me.」

Oioi! I shiver to think that she might follow me around exactly like Anne.

「I kind of suspected that was the case...but it really came true.」

「What do mean by that?」 (Karen)

「After all, he's Karen's ideal man. She has always been, looking for someone who could, come at her head on, and defeat her.」

Her ideal is too dangerous.

She's been looking for someone like that?

「The reason that, she has gone around as a, bodyguard and teacher, are all to search for a person, who can do just that.....and now, she's found you.」

Wait, I don't remember trying to raise these flags for this route.

「You did it, so it can't be helped.....basically you can ignore, her I think. Most Dragon Kings know right, from wrong.」

「Really.....?」

Looking at Anne's eccentric behavior I find it hard to believe that.

Well, in front of people she doesn't know she acts properly I suppose.

「That's right Daichi. If it will cause trouble I won't lock eyes and hit our magic power against each other! The moment you think it's annoying I'll stop, you can basically just ignore it...it's fine!」

「Ha, haa.....this is the first time I've seen Karen be so passionate.....」

I think this is a little stranger than just being passionate.

「Well as long as you don't cause me any trouble...fine...」

If she does as she says, then I have nothing to say.

「Be that as it is.....the big problem's been solved right? Let's head back.」

And so we headed back into town under the light of the setting sun.

Chapter 120.5: —Side Dianeia— Changing And Unchanging Things

Dianeia undertook the mission of ferrying everyone back to town.

Saying that she hadn't been much use, and that she should do this much at least, she continued to act as a shuttle for them.

First she sent the injured Athena and Karen to the medical room in the castle.

Then she went back to get Daichi and the rest...but when she returned to the plains...

「Sorry for the wait. I had to accompany them to the castle and....wait...Daichi-dono...you're the only one left?」

「Yeah, Sakura headed home to start supper and Hesty...Hesty's here.」

She looked and saw Hesty riding on Daichi's back.

She must have used quite a lot of her power in the previous fight.

Her eyelids were drooping open and shut.

「Are you sleeping?」

「N-not....y-yet.....」

She said...but her head was slumping forward.

「As you can see, she's like this. She's going to sleep pretty soon.」

「I...see.....then what will you do Daichi-dono? Will you come back to town?」

「For a little bit. Once I close up the store, I'll be heading home. I can't very well leave Hesty in this condition at the store.」

Hearing this, Dianeia decided that it wouldn't be wise to invite him to the closing party.

It was regrettable...but it couldn't be helped.

「Well then, first I'll take you to your store...then I'll take you home Ok?」

「Hm? It's alright. After I get to the store, I'll walk back. You must be tired too Dianeia, you don't have to force yourself ok?」

「No, please let me do this much at least. Over these three days I've been indebted to you for various things.」

Just by thinking about it, she could see that from beginning to end, it was thanks to Daichi that things had ended safely.

「Really...I'm sorry about this Daichi-dono. It's really...pathetic that I have to keep relying on you like this.」

In her heart she began feeling like she couldn't do anything right.

As that thought appeared...she began to cry.

「This time...I thought we'd be able to take care of it ourselves....but we're really....so weak.....」

Dianeia hung her head in shame as she whispered those words when,

「No, I've seen it. You've worked so hard. You've worked so hard til your body is all injured. What the heck are you saying?」

「Huh?」

Daichi said with a serious look on his face.

「No, this time...I wasn't able to do anything. I just keep causing you trouble. I thought that I'd be hated for relying on you like this.....」

「Well, though you did give me some troubles, I won't hate you for it. Also...if you need to depend on me, then do it. If I can't help then the worst that will happen is I'll refuse. Everything I do is my decision.」

「U...umu.....is that so? Thank you...for saying that.」

They may be just comforting words, but Dianeia felt relieved just by hearing that he didn't hate her.

.....really, in front of him, she was just a normal mage.....

As Dianeia placed her hands on her chest in relief, Daichi peered closely at her face.



「Wha-? D-Daichi-dono? What's wrong?」

「Hmm, as I thought. You do have a wound above your eye.」

「Eh...?」

Daichi pointed at her forehead.

Dianeia used the blade of her knife as a mirror to check and saw that there was in fact a wound on her forehead.

「This is.....probably because one potion wasn't enough to heal all my wounds. I guess you could say I had too many and this one wasn't healed.....」

「I see. Then, I've got another so let's try it.」

Daichi said and took a potion out of his bag and smeared some of it on his finger.

「Don't move.」

He said as he gently stroked her head.

At that moment a pale light flickered and the wound on her head was healed. At the same time...

「Hya...?」

The potion acted as a medium sending the magic within Daichi's

body pouring into Dianeia numbing her body.

「Auu.....」

Suddenly her entire body relaxed and she fell to the ground.

「Huh, what's wrong?」

「U-ummm.....thank you for healing my wound, but Daichidono's magic power added on to the potion and caused a weird reaction in my body.」

Daichi looked at his hands taken aback.

「Huh, so there's that kind of effect too? —Sorry Dianeia. Can you stand?」

As Dianeia started to take Daichi's outstretched hand to stand, she realized her underwear had a bit of an emergency.

.....ah this is.....

This is what happened when she lost all her tension after the wound was instantly healed.

So Dianeia drew back her arms quickly.

「U-umm, Daichi-dono. For now my underwear has stopped it, but I've got a bit of an emergency, so I'd like to go back and change and I'll just see you next time——」

She said but Daichi grabbed her arm.

「D-Daichi-dono.....? You might get dirty...」

「Huh? I thought it was stopped by your underwear?」

「Ah, it was but.....」

「Then don't worry. Teleport us to the store. I have clothes and a bath, you can use them.」

Daichi said and squeezed her hand.

「.....somehow it feels like Daichi-dono has gotten nicer.」

「You make it sound like I'm not nice. Anyways, this time was truly my fault so I'll take care of you. Also...I've gotten used to it by now...the wetting I mean.」

「I'm not really happy that you're used to it now...but—thank you Daichi-dono.」

And so, Dianeia teleported them back to town while she enjoyed

the warm feeling of holding Daichi's hand.

Chapter 121: When Standing In Town

「Daichi-oniisan!」

After returning to my shop I was closing up when Karen and Athena came walking towards me from the castle.

They seemed to be mostly recovered and walked over casually.

「Hey guys, are you all better?」

「Yes, thanks to those delicious potions we are almost all better.」

「Un, the Knight Captain stocked up on Daichi-oniisan's apple potions. Just by drinking those we recovered our bodies and some magic power!」

I didn't make them to be potions but juice...but it's good that they feel better.

「Also the Knight Captain said to give this to you.」

She said and handed me the usual bag full of cash.

Even if they give it to me now, I don't have anything to use it on...but refusing is also rude.

「So did you just come to give me this?」

「Ah, we came for that but also to return these to you.」

Karen said and stepped aside revealing...

「Sha~」「Fu~」「Sui~」「Gu~」

The four spirits were standing there. More accurately it was their split off part...but I'd given them to Karen because the power in the pendant had been emptied.

They had become smaller, but they toddled over to my legs.

「Thank you for lending them to us. Thanks to you the power has built up.」

「Is it alright now?」

「Yes. We were able to receive enough. They split themselves to be able to follow you.」

Is that so? However, they weren't that much smaller than when I lent them out...is it really alright?

「They were able to take in some of the dispersing power and place it back inside. So you see there is no problem.」

Karen said and showed me the pendant hanging on her chest. It was now a beautiful rainbow color.

.....so this is what the pendant looks like with no problems.

It's quite pretty, I thought as I nodded when Athena approached me and bowed.

「If Daichi-oniisan wasn't here....Karen and all of us would have been in grave danger. So I must say.....thank you very much. From the bottom of my heart....!」

Athena said while gripping my hand and shaking a bit.

It seems like she was really affected by this.

「Well, I'm glad I was able to help.」

「Un.....But I wanted to do something more to thank you, like a party and preparing various things, but Onee-sama said that Daichi-oniisan wouldn't go to a party....is that true?」

「Yeah, I would like to abstain from the party please.」

I said and Athena looked disappointed.

「Un, if that's what Daichi-oniisan wants then it can't be helped.....There's a feast at the castle and fireworks and lots of fun things to see...but you're not going to see them?」

「.....well, it's almost time for me to get home for dinner. I'll be watching from there while I have my meal.」

I was already getting hungry.

However, rather than sit and eat with random people at a feast, I wanted to go home and relax while eating.

「I see.....then...I'll see you next time and we'll talk some more Daichi-oniisan!」

「Yeah. I'll see you」

「Mm!」

We finished speaking and Karen and Athena headed back to the castle.

Then I finished checking that the store was closed properly and headed out to meet Dianeia.

「Daichi-dono, are your preparations finished?」

「Yeah, sorry for making you wait, it's all done.」

And so my three days of living in town ended with Dianeia teleporting me back home.

Chapter 122: Dwelling Of The Spirits

By the time I got home, the sun had already set.

「It won't be too long before I come to deliver my thanks....I will also come to return the clothes I borrowed. Ok then, I'll see you later Daichi-dono.」

Dianeia said as she teleported home.

.....I had given her that change of underwear with the intention of her keeping them though.....

I think it'd be fine even if she didn't return them.

However, she had disappeared before I had the chance to say so. She may have been a bit hasty, but she must have had her own circumstances.

I can just tell her next time, I thought and called out to Hesty on my back.

「Ok, now that we're here its just a little bit more Hesty. Should I carry you to your cabin?」

「n, no. since we're, here, I can, walk.....」

She said as she sleepily got down from my back when...

「.....mu?」

A small shadow moved near my feet.

It was hard to see in the darkness but...

「A spirit? You came along?」

「Sha~」

A spirit stood there.

They had integrated with the store back in town so I thought I'd left it behind...

「Why did it come all the way to the house?」

I said and looked at the sleepy Hesty. She looked at the spirits in turn.

「.....spirits tend to, live near their boss.....」

「You say they wanted to live near me.....」

Is there a place around here that the spirits can live?

The Earth spirit had lived in my basement...but the end result was it became drunk on the magic power.

「n, it can stay in the, outer areas of, the dungeon, or directly below, the house...I think that, should be fine?」

「Sha~」

The earth spirit nodded when it heard what Hesty said and patted the ground.

Then its body began to melt into the ground.

The other spirits imitated the earth spirit and began to descend into the earth.

「It looks like, they are assimilating, with the basement and dungeon.」

「Hm? Is that alright?」

「n, it should be. They are literally, placing themselves in your, hands. They won't go anywhere you, tell them not to, and will come, when you call.」

「Huh, I see.」

I didn't want them going too deep in the basement and going on a rampage...but if that wasn't going to happen then I can let them do as they please.

「In fact, the interior of the dungeon should, become nicer as they, gain power down there, it will become a comfortable place. The air will circulate, the water will be fresh, it will feel like there is, rain and sun...it should no longer be dank and damp.」

「Oh, then I'm happy about that.」

Originally though the dungeon was easy enough to explore, the atmosphere and feeling of it was not very good.

If these things were going to improve then that's great.

If they weren't going to go out of control, then having them live in the dungeon might be the best option I thought when,

「Sha, Sha~」

The earth spirit that had been half submerged in the ground got out and brought a stone to me.

「Umm...this is.....a magic stone?」

However it was very transparent looking. I was wondering why

when Hesty's eyes shot wide open.

「.....that's, a mass of spirit power...」

Hesty said sounding surprised and excited.

「Mass of power.....is it like a magic stone?」

「It is like one. However, only spirits can create them, and it is a much more precious, resource than magic stones. It's too precious and I haven't, really had any opportunities to see, them. It makes me want to touch it.」

So that's why she's so excited.

Well, I don't have any particular use for it as of now, so it might be a good gift for Hesty...

「Anyways, why is the spirit giving me this?」

「I don't know.....something like rent?」

「Sha~」

The earth spirit nodded its head in agreement and then smacked the ground fully disappearing downwards. It really seems like it was giving me rent...

「Well, I'll accept it then. I'll be giving this to you Hesty. Hopefully you can come up with something good to use it in.」

「n.....if you give it to me....I'll try my best.」

「Ok! I'm looking forward to it.」

And so my land received some new tenants.

If the spirits were able to manage the dungeon well, then I might just leave it to them.

Chapter 123: Around And Around, The Place To Settle Down

After confirming the spirits' living accommodations, I escorted Hesty to her cabin.

It seems like she was at her limit, because as soon as she entered, Hesty laid down on the floor.

「Thank you.....thanks to you I made, it here....」

「No, you haven't reached your bed yet....just a little further.」

Inside the cabin was a small bed.

A small cushion/mattress was laid out on top of it.

I picked up Hesty and carried her to it.

「Thank you.....you really have amazing stamina. You used that much, magic.....but it almost seems like, you've already recovered.」

「I feel like you've said something similar to me before. Also, I'm hungry and tired.」

It'd been a while since I'd eaten and I was starving.

「Is your body alright besides for being sleepy?」

「n, I'm ok. Coming here, will improve my, recovery power.....so I should be back, to normal, tomorrow.....」

I'm glad. It seems like Hesty was moving around from the start of the festival all the way to the end. It'd be best for her to get a good rest I thought, when Hesty looked at my face.

「Also.....thank you, for taking me to the, festival. I got tired....but I had, a really good time.」

「Yeah, I had fun too.」

「n.....I'm glad. Ok, good night.....」

She said and immediately fell asleep.

She must've been really tired.

「Good night.....」

She curled up and her face loosened as I covered her with a blanket and quietly left the cabin.



I walked through my garden by the light of the moon as I returned to my home.

My house that had become a tower. I hadn't thought so when I was living here just a few days ago but....

.....now that I look at it with fresh eyes...it really has become large.

It might be a little late to say this, but maybe my common sense was being numbed from living here. Well, as long as it's comfortable to live in.....I thought as I entered.

Then I used the magic elevator to ascend the tower.

Vmmmmmmmmmm

A light buzzing sound occurred as I rose up.

The outer wall of the elevator was made with transparent materials so I could see the outside as I rode it. I looked out and saw fireworks flying up from the town.

It was pretty distant, but they were large enough to appreciate.

「.....the end of the festival huh...」

As I looked out at the beautiful fireworks that reality struck home.

Soon I reached the top floor and the doors opened to...

「Welcome back Master.」

It felt like it'd been a long time since I'd been greeted by Sakura like this.

「Hey, I'm home Sakura.」

「Yeah! I've finished dinner so we can eat while enjoying the fireworks.」

Sakura said wearing her apron and returning to the kitchen.

Then I heard the sound of the pot heating up.

...it'd been three days since I'd been home....

It hadn't been very long. It was only three days.

.....the town and townspeople had been lively...it was fun....

But even so...I thought...

「After all, my house is the best.」